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# LOCAL CHILDREN'S ROLE IN TOWN'S CIVIC SUNDAY

## Y Bont Faen's pupils are stars!

*RIGHT: The 'Y Bont Faen Family' choir were the star performers at the Civic Service held at Holy Cross Church on Sunday, July 1. The accompanist was Mrs Cooper. For more pictures of Civic Sunday in Cowbridge, please turn to Mike Wilcock's images on page 4.*

Picture by Mike Wilcock

## FESTIVAL'S NEW SPONSOR

**THE Cowbridge Food and Drink Festival has a new sponsor for 2012, the Waitrose supermarket chain.**

*The festival takes place over the weekend of October 27-28.* ***(For full story, turn to page 5).***

# Headteacher thanks community as her retirement beckons

REPORT by TIM CHAPMAN

**Mrs Mary Noyes, the headteacher of Llangan Primary School for almost a decade, who is to retire at the end of the summer term, has thanked the local community for their support over the years.**

The chair of the governors, Mr Huw Davey, praised her contribution to the life of the school over the last nine years.

He said: "She has been an outstanding headteacher and a fine example to all the management team and staff.

"Among her achievements have been a new school building and a new car park ensuring the safety of the pupils.

"Her work means that we are well-placed for the challenges of the 21st century.

"Mary will be succeeded by the deputy headteacher, Mr Steve Williams, and we believe it will be a seamless transition."

Mrs Noyes, a resident of Llanmaes, is originally from Porth in the Rhondda. To achieve her aim of becoming a teacher, she trained at the Welsh College of Music and Drama and Cyncoed College of Education in the early 1970s.

"At that time all I wanted to do was teach music. I never thought of becoming a headteacher. My ambition was just to teach in the classroom."

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*ABOVE: Retiring Head, Mrs Mary Noyes.*

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## *If there was a Republic...* Who would be the President?

**IN answer to the couple of pro-Republic letters in last week's GEM, I think what people have to consider is who or what would we have as President?**

Almost certainly, if a Presidential election was to be any time soon, the front runners would be Tony Blair and Boris Johnson, or maybe Red Ken. Now come on gents, be serious.

If not those, the candidates would certainly be political, even if they swore blind they were not...and why would we want more of that?

In a republic, what would we call the United Kingdom? The United Republic of...what? Britain? Great Britain refers only to the mainland, so what about Northern Ireland and our many islands?

Unlike Mr Tony Leat, I believe a referendum for the abolition of the monarchy would produce a huge turn-out of voters in support of HM.

But why would our Prime Minister allow such a referendum? Let me explain: Francois Hollande is the President of France (not his proper title, but good enough), how many can name the French Prime Minister? Not many, I suspect, so would our PM allow himself to sink into similar obscurity? Not a hope.

Who would our forces fight for if not Queen and country? Boris and Britain maybe? Blair and Britain?

Another question; would our forces be as ready to fight and maybe die for a President? Would a President expect any less reverence than that given to HM?

Of course not, he would be our Head of State. Would he be any less self-aggrandising than the crowd who run our Government now? Of course not.

I bang no big drum for the royal family, although I served in the RAF, but I cannot see a better option for us than a reigning monarch.

Until the strident pro-Republicans can give us a considered view of exactly what life would be like under an elected Head of State, I think a dignified silence would be best.

**Gerwyn Thomas,**
**Llantwit Major.**

***GEM FOOTNOTE: The writer raises an interesting point. Who would be chosen as UK President? Give us your view.***

## Children's brain injury website

**I WOULD like to invite your readers to help me raise awareness of an important new information website for parents which is very close to my heart.**

The Brain Injury Hub *(www.braininjuryhub.co.uk)* provides comprehensive information and support to the parents and other family members of children who have suffered a brain injury.

It's been developed by the national charity The Children's Trust, Tadworth.

My own experience of brain injury has been widely reported, but of course children can suffer brain injuries too – the causes include road accidents, falls, brain tumours and meningitis.

As a vice-president of The Children's Trust, I have already seen the amazing work the charity does at its national rehabilitation centre for children with brain injuries.

Perhaps you know the parent of a child with a brain injury, maybe amongst your family or friends or at your child's school. If you do, please tell them about the Brain Injury Hub.

It could help the whole family overcome the serious challenges they may be facing.

**Richard Hammond,**
**television presenter.**
***(On behalf of The Children's Trust, Tadworth)***


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## 'One hundred and one, not-out in Barry!'

**I WOULD like to thank all those dear friends who so kindly sent me cards and flowers with their love and best wishes on my 101st birthday. Bless you all!**

Our close family celebrated the occasion of my birthday at the Sportsman's Rest, Peterston-super-Ely, all arranged by my elder son, Brian and there were 14 of us, including son Leslie and daughter Jennifer, grand-daughters, a grandson and great grand-daughter.

Unable to be present were my grandson David and his two sons, all of whom live in Cornwall.

Fortunately, the birthday cake did not bear 101 candles to blow out, or I would have been out of breath. Just one for each decade of my life was placed in the cake and one breath extinguished them!

Other people present, quite strangers, offered congratulations and one lady in particular said that she had often offered wishes to people celebrating their 100th birthday, but I was the first one at 101!

As I have commented before, when I have been asked what do I attribute my long life to, other than saying I have looked after myself and been blessed with a good constitution, I have no answer.

What the future has in store, remains to be seen but my wish is that I will not become a nuisance to my family and I put my trust in the Almighty.

**Alfred Mills,**
**Barry.**

## *Questions for the Eisteddfod on public transport to Maes*

**SURELY the transport group considered public transport to the Eisteddfod site at Llandow? Did they find it too difficult to give priority to a bus along the narrow lanes, so dropped the idea of a shuttle bus from Llantwit rail station, like from Ebbw Vale to the Eisteddfod field two years ago?**

At that event, I found it very easy to cycle from Ebbw Vale Parkway to the cycle parking compound on the Maes.

This time, it looks like jockeying with nose-to-tail cars fuming on the lane. Shame on the organisers and Vale Council that 'How to reach the Maes' on the website refers only to traffic and coaches, nothing for cyclists and bus users. So much for using the event as a showcase for the Vale of Glamorgan!

**Max Wallis**
**Barry & Vale Friends of the Earth**

***FOOTNOTE: An Eisteddfod spokeswoman replies:*** *"The National Eisteddfod always encourages visitors to use public transport, and details of the shuttle buses organised with the Vale of Glamorgan Council are available to download from the Eisteddfod and council websites.*

*"These buses will meet trains at Llantwit Major station and bring them to the Maes.*

*"A similar service will run between Cowbridge and the Maes. We also encourage our visitors to use the Traveline website and information line to plan their journey.*

*"Information on public transport will also be included in a welcome pack to Eisteddfod visitors staying in many of the Vale hotels and B&Bs – which will shortly be distributed to the accommodation providers.*

*"The Eisteddfod has always encouraged people to cycle to the festival and this year there are 400 lockable cycle spaces available near the main entrance.*

*"However, if you do decide to travel by car, please follow the signs carefully to ease any congestion."*

## FLY TIPPING OVER AT LAST?

**ALMOST nine months ago, in The GEM of September 15, 2011, you published my letter concerning the terrible mess on the derelict site next to the Liberal Club, Thompson Street, Barry.**

Within a few days of publication, the site was cleared and on September 29, 2011, you published my letter thanking the power of The GEM for having this dealt with.

The site was not developed, and the same fly-tipping recurred. I contacted the owner three times and he promised to clear it again.

I felt sorry for him, although the site – in a valuable location – attracts fly tippers too lazy to go to the municipal tip, or put out their detritus for collection.

Thankfully, the owner needs to be congratulated, as at last it appears something is happening: barriers have been erected and the area screened off.

I hope this will solve the tipping and health and safety problem.

We will see!

**Christopher Short,**
**Barry.**

## CHALLENGED FOR TY HAFAN

**I WOULD like to thank C2K Ltd Bridgend, the traders of Park Crescent, those members of the Wyndham Club Barry and also family and friends who sponsored our team 'Vertically Challenged' in the recent 3 Peaks challenge in aid of Ty Hafan.**

Readers will be pleased to hear that, in all, our team has so far raised over £1,300 and still rising. If I didn't get round to you and you would like to donate, you can still go on line up until August at *http://www.justgiving.com/welsh3peaks2012.*

Thankyou for your support and I will, hopefully, be back next year.

**Phil Lannen,**
**Barry.**

***Let us know your views:***
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## 'UK cuts will pay for EU bail-out'

**IT has now been suggested that our 'caring' Prime Minister is expected to back plans to pay a further £1.3billion pounds to the EU, in what has been stated is** *"a back door bail-out for the nose diving EU economy".*

This is the brainchild of the new French President, Francois Hollande to bolster the coffers of the European Investment Bank.

The UK Government has so far contributed almost £15billion to help the economies of Greece, Ireland and Portugal.

This Prime Minister of ours is cutting everything to the bone in the UK, yet he can flash the UK taxpayers' wallet to the EU as soon as they want a bit more.

It's time Mr Cameron called a halt to this never- ending give, give, give to the EU. Let them sink, and get us out of it.

He has no mandate from the British people to give anything to the EU.

Come on, Mr Cameron, get us out of this corrupt club. If not, enjoy the rest of your time in office, as it will be your last.

**D J Radford,**
**Barry.**

## What happened to memorial plaque?

**I HAVE recently been contacted by a constituent who lives in my ward, asking for information about a memorial plaque for the war that used to be on the wall at Jenner Park School – they would like to know what happened to it.**

The original was believed to have been grey in colour, approx. two feet wide, and although it didn't have any names on it, it is said to have had a verse about former pupils of the school whose lives were lost at war.

It is said to be last sighted in the offices of Barry Town Council at the Memorial Hall in Barry.

If anyone has any information about this plaque, or remembers anything about it, please get in touch with me on 01446 736227

**Coun Richard Bertin,**
**Court ward, Barry.**

## Boot sales frustration

**I WRITE in response to Neill Dodd's letter 'Sully given the Boot' (The GEM last week) which raised several questions regarding the car boot sales at Sully.**

As organisers, we can assure Neill we are as frustrated as him, along with the hordes of followers who regularly support the events, that we have had to cancel several sales due to the inclement weather.

Health and safety is our main priority, and as the sales are held on grass, we are dictated to by the weather conditions.

It is in everyone's interest to get the sales on as the proceeds are vital to our organisation and have been reinvested in all our sports sections, facilitating all age groups – along with funding the upkeep of the grounds and our support to children's charities.

**Ken Francis,**
**Sully.**

### HIGH TIDE TIMES
**(UNTIL JULY 12)**

***The high tides listed in this week's GEM are those in Porthcawl. It should be remembered that along the coast, high tide times will vary. For instance, in Barry, the high point will be 20 – 25 minutes later.***

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| 08 Sun | 10.24 | 9.3 | 22.44 | 9.5 |
| 09 Mon | 11.03 | 8.9 | 23.23 | 8.8 |
| 10 Tues | 11.41 | 8.5 | | |
| 11 Wed | 00.04 | 8.3 | 12.26 | 8.0 |
| 12 Thur | 00.55 | 8.0 | 13.21 | 7.7 |

***While The GEM makes every effort to check the accuracy of tide tables, we recommend that anyone putting out to sea, or walking in an area where they could be cut off, should always check with a tide table specific to their location.***


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# Sandra 'overwhelmed' by good wishes at health centre leaving party

**AFTER working as a medical receptionist for 16 years, the last as senior medical receptionist in the Cowbridge Health Centre, Sandra Dickens retired on June 1.**

More than 50 guests gathered at the Market Place restaurant to say goodbye. Also present on the evening, which was a huge surprise for Sandra, were Sister Sheila Howells who retired eight years ago to west Wales, and Sister Jane Campbell, who moved to New Zealand two years ago.

Sandra told The GEM she was very touched by the warmth and happy atmosphere of the evening, where she was presented with a garden bench, garden vouchers and numerous other gifts by her colleagues from the Cowbridge and Western Vale Group Practice, as well as gifts from Cowbridge Medical Practice.

Sandra was also overwhelmed by the number of gifts, cards and good wishes she received from so many patients at the surgery in the run-up to her last day.

She said that she takes with her many happy memories of her time at the surgery, and now has lots of holidays planned with her husband Steve, which will keep them busy until Christmas at least, with Malta, Norfolk, north Wales and California on the list.

*PICTURED: Dr McGovern, Dr Pardoe, Sandra Dickens and Dr Jones.*

*Lauren, Tracy, Sarah, Lesley, Dr Sarah Coleman, Sandra and Helen.*

# Woman's warning after ATM scam

**A COWBRIDGE woman is warning people to be vigilant after falling victim to an ATM scam in the town.**

The incident took place earlier this month and, although she reported the suspected loss of her card within five minutes, £200 had already been taken from her bank account.

She told The GEM what had happened: "I went to the Tesco cash machine to take out some money. When I got there, a smartly-dressed woman said that she was having trouble with the machine, and invited me to go first. Also, there was a man several yards away talking on his mobile phone, although he was not close enough to cause me concern.

"I put my card in the machine and it swallowed it up. The woman said the same thing had happened to her, and she talked me into going inside the shop to speak to the manager.

"When we came outside, the woman and the man had both disappeared.

"I bank with Barclays, so I decided the most important thing was to go to the bank and cancel my card. It was only a short walk.

"However, when I explained what had happened, they checked my account and found that £200 had been withdrawn from the cash point outside just minutes ago. They put an immediate stop on my card."

The woman's prompt action meant that the card was not used again, but the speed with which it all happened shocked her.

She told The GEM: "It was a real shock, and although the staff at Tesco and in my bank were very helpful, it was very upsetting. I have been told that I will get my money back, but I would like to warn other people about this, so that they can be aware of this scam."

***Police in Cowbridge confirmed that they were investigating the incident.***

*Sergeant Matthew Rowlands said: "The methods used by criminals to obtain pin numbers and take money can be very worrying and distressing, especially for the elderly and vulnerable.*

*"I would urge all members of the public to be vigilant when using cards at cash dispensing machines. If at any time you do not feel your card is safe or feel suspicious about the machine, or the activities of those nearby, we ask you to inform the bank or contact the police immediately.*

*"If anyone has any information regarding this incident, please contact us on 101 or call Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111."*

# 'Citizen of Year' is honoured

**A presentation has been made to the Cowbridge 'Citizen of the Year 2012', Mrs Gill Clay, by the Mayor of Cowbridge with Llanblethian, Coun Nicola Thomas.**

The award was handed over at Cowbridge Town Hall on Sunday, July 1, following the Mayor's civic service, which took place at Holy Cross Church.

Mrs Clay's mother was the daughter of the late Lord Baden-Powell, and it was in the context of Scouting and Guiding that Mrs Clay was recognised.

Coun Thomas said: "The town of Cowbridge wanted to pay tribute to a wonderful lady, in recognition of all her hard and longstanding involvement, for more than 20 years,with the Scouting and Guiding movements.

"She has supported both the whole Cowbridge 1st Scout group, including the Cub pack and Beaver colony in the town.

"She has been a mainstay in keeping these groups alive and functioning for the youth of the town against difficult odds."

Mrs Clay's father was a district commissioner in the Colonial Service in Africa and was also an influential member of the Scouting movement.

Mrs Clay was born and brought up in Rhodesia, now Zimbabwe.

She came to south Wales 43 years ago, when she met and married her husband Bill – they set up home in St Hilary.

Coun Thomas also pointed out that Mrs Clay's dedication to the community was recognised by her appointment to the position of Deputy Lieutenant of South Glamorgan, a duty she performed for more than 20 years until retiring recently.

*The Mayor of Cowbridge with Llanblethian, Coun Nicola Thomas, makes the presentation to Gill Clay – the new 'Citizen of the Year'.*
**PHOTOGRAPH by MIKE WILCOCK**

● ***For more pictures by Mike Wilcock of Civic Sunday in Cowbridge, please turn to page 4.***

# HEADTEACHER LOOKS BACK ON LIFE IN THE CLASSROOM

**CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1**

Mrs Noyes took 'a junior secondary course' which qualified her to educate young people of all ages.

In her early twenties, she taught up to A-Level standard at Heathfield House for three years before moving on to Llanedeyrn High School – encouraging pupils to develop their love of music through taking part in choirs and learning to play a musical instrument.

For someone in their twenties, teaching large groups of teenagers just a few years younger can be daunting, but by the time she left Llanedeyrn she felt the experience would stand her in good stead.

She explained: "I'd established my credibility with the children and got along with them."

A break from teaching followed while she started a family. Her daughter Rachel has now followed her into teaching and works in Colchester.

Matthew is a chartered surveyor and lives in Christchurch, New Zealand; while Richard works in the film industry as a writer and editor. He is currently promoting a film at the 'Short Shorts Film Festival' held in Japan every summer.

When Mrs Noyes resumed her career, she began as a supply teacher in primary education at Heol-y-Celyn, Hawthorn in Pontypridd. That period of time provided her with a new perspective on how her career should develop.

"Teaching the whole child gave me a whole new slant on education.

"The attraction of primary education is developing young people so they become capable, kind and caring adults."

From that point onwards, she decided she wanted to devote her skills to the primary sector of education and enjoyed spells at Wenvoe Primary School, Albany Road Primary (in Cardiff) and at Llanfair Primary School back in the Vale.

"Roger Thomas was the headteacher while I was at Llanfair Primary School. I became the deputy head in 1998, and was acting head for a term while Roger went to look after another school. I loved it there – it's a fantastic school.

"I came to Llangan as headteacher in 2003 and have been here ever since."

Mrs Noyes insisted that the achievements at Llangan, which had another successful inspection in March, were down to a partnership of the governors, staff, pupils and parents all working together.

"We support the community and the community supports us.

"We have wonderful, passionate staff – and support staff – and a PTA that always helps us, often purchasing items that would otherwise not be available."

One recent act of generosity from a local landowner, Mr John Homphray, enabled the school to have a car park built ensuring youngsters' safety – keeping them away from the dangers of the main road.

One resident, Nancy Davidge, is symptomatic of the community's support and has been involved in the school from the age of eight into her late eighties!

The pupils also take part in lots of cultural and sporting events with other schools in the area.

Mrs Noyes said: "The headteachers in the Vale work closely together and I think that's another reason for the high levels of local achievement."

**'GREATLY MISSED'**

The Vale's AM and MP, who both know the school well, were quick to thank Mrs Noyes for her contribution to education in the Vale.

Jane Hutt said: "Mary Noyes has been an outstanding headteacher at Llangan School and I have been privileged to know her and to witness her leadership of this school, which celebrated its centenary last year.

"She will be greatly missed, but she has developed an excellent staff team and strong governing body, which will stand the school in good stead.

"I know she will miss her school and all the pupils she has taught and guided in her teaching career, but they will not forget Mrs Noyes and I wish her a long and happy retirement."

Alun Cairns said she had shown "great leadership" over the years.

"She fostered a fantastic community environment, where learning through fun, respect and discovery became the norm.

"It has been a privilege to work with Mary and to have had the opportunity to be part of so many events at the school."

He added: "She is leaving some large boots to fill. I have also worked with Mr Steve Williams and know that the school will be left in excellent hands."

So how is Mrs Noyes looking forward to occupying her time now that retirement beckons?

"I'm hoping to go to Rome in October, and then want to go to New Zealand to see my son Matthew in December.

"I'll also have more time for Llantwit Major Rotary Club, which will be a different way of putting something back into society."

*And for a Welshwoman devoted to music, it seems appropriate that another pleasure of retirement will be more time to play the harp!*

# Old Hall Bridge

***OLD Hall Bridge Club results for June were as follows:***

***June 6, first, Pam Higgs and Nancy Kneale, second, Amy Owen and Debbie Rosevear.***

***June 13, first, Vida Halford and Connie Clancy, second, Sara Bartlett and Ian Dunglinson.***

***June 20, first, Anne Hughes and John Edwards, second Glenda Roberts and Colin Easterbrook.***

***June 27, first, Graham and Sue Norris, second, Vida Halford and Connie Clancy.***

***Old Hall Bridge Club will be closed for the month of August.*** **SB**

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# Waitrose joins sponsors for 'best yet' Cowbridge Food and Drink Festival

**THE award-winning Cowbridge Food and Drink Festival has announced a major new sponsor for 2012 – the Waitrose supermarket chain.**

Waitrose has signed a deal to support this year's festival, which takes place over the weekend of October 27-28.

Part of the John Lewis Partnership, Waitrose is set to open its latest store in Cowbridge this autumn.

Speaking about the new partnership, Cowbridge Food and Drink Festival chairman, John Davies, said: "We are delighted that Waitrose has chosen to support this year's event.

"The festival is a highlight for the area and their sponsorship shows their commitment to the town and community."

The Cowbridge Food and Drink Festival, which is also supported by the Welsh Government, has grown from a one-day event to a whole weekend, attracting over 15,000 visitors in 2011.

More than 80 exhibitors from Wales and further afield pack the main marquee, selling everything from pies to pates, and chillis to chutneys.

Rob Waite, the designated branch manager of Waitrose Cowbridge, said: "We're very pleased to announce our sponsorship of the festival and are looking forward to showcasing some of our fantastic food and drink over the weekend.

"We're really looking forward to opening our new shop in Cowbridge and the event will be a great opportunity to introduce our brand and meet with shoppers in the town."

The festival line-up also includes a dedicated cheese and wine marquee displaying artisan produce, as well as a popular festival champagne marquee with a backdrop of live music.

Free demonstrations by some of Wales' best-known chefs and restaurateurs are one of the highlights of the event, followed by drinks talks which take place throughout the weekend's festivities.

This year's programme includes demonstrations by Llanerch Vineyard's Angela Gray, as well as by representatives from Cowbridge's boutique kitchen cafe, Arboreal, top Indian cuisine chef, Anand George, and by chefs from the popular Thai Elephant restaurant.

Oxford Wines will be running drinks talks featuring whisky, champagne and milkshakes.

In the Entertainment Zone at Barefoot and Kids' Zone in the Lesser Hall, young visitors can expect a packed programme of activities, magic and circus workshops, Punch and Judy shows, crafts, traditional fete games and stunning birds of prey.

Speaking about the forthcoming festival plans, event manager Polly Wilson emphasised: "It's shaping up to be yet another great festival weekend in Cowbridge, with an exciting programme of demonstrations.

"The festival committee is working hard to ensure we ease any potential parking issues associated with the demonstrations and is working with exhibitors, demonstrators and retailers to make this year's festival the best yet."

# MAYOR'S CIVIC SUNDAY PARADE PROVIDES CEREMONY AND A COLOURFUL SPECTACLE

**THE Civic Service in honour of the Mayor of Cowbridge with Llanblethian, Coun Nicola Thomas, was held on Sunday, July 1, at Holy Cross Church.**

**Each year it provides a colourful spectacle.**

**The two Mace Bearers (below) led the parade through the town.**

**Later, in front of the town hall, dignitaries gathered (see above) for a traditional march past of Service people and local organisations.**

Pictures by **MIKE WILCOCK**

# COWBRIDGE ON THE RUN SEES INCREASE IN NUMBERS – DESPITE WEATHER FORECAST!

**THE Cowbridge On the Run event for Cancer Research took place on Sunday, July 1.**

Despite the dreadful weather earlier, the rain pretty much held off and everyone turned up at the rugby club in very good spirits.

The numbers were 50 per cent up on last year.

We were delighted that in very windy conditions, everyone completed both the 5k and 10, runs and even came in with some very good results!

The 5k results were: First, Dafydd Teisat; second, Fiona Bray; third, Dave Breen.

The 10k results were: First, Jo Beech (in 35 minutes!); second, Tim Knight (45 mins); third, Jack Farrington (48 mins).

Jo Beech was seriously good, and left the field for dead: a brilliant performance!

But one young lady should have a special mention. Milly Green completed the 10k run and was the first under-18 to do so.

She was also the first female to return to the rugby club, beating her dad. A star of future years?

Thank you to everyone who took part and created a lovely atmosphere.

My personal thanks also go to the marshalls who stood patiently in the inclement weather.

A huge thank you goes to Fitch and Ramous and Basils who kindly donated the bottled water.

The run will take place again on the first Sunday in July in 2013. So if you enjoyed it and can persuade others to join in, we will see you then! **ANNE BIRT**

*ABOVE: People were keen to defy the weather including (below) a group from the village of Llysworney.*

## COMMUNITY NEWS

**TREOES, LLANGAN & ST MARY HILL**

*Your local correspondent is Nancy Davidge, "Tynewydd", Llangan. (01656) 860303*

### Llangan school

**THERE was an air of excitement at Llangan School on June 28 as the children of year 3-6 waited patiently for the coach to arrive, which would take them to Heatherton in Pembrokeshire.**

The children, accompanied by six teaching staff, behaved in an exemplary manner throughout the day, which was filled with amazing activities including archery, go-karting, and adventure golf.

I understand the most exciting activity involved bumper boats, when the children took full advantage of soaking the teaching staff!

### Summer fair

**LLANGAN School summer fair is on Saturday, July 7 (from 11am-2pm) and donations would be appreciated.**

These include bottles (unopened) for bottle tombola, cakes, for sale on the refreshment stall and sports/summer toys, to be used as prizes on the sports tombola.

# YSTRADOWEN RESIDENTS WILL HOLD LDP MEETING

**A public meeting on the Vale's Local Development Plan (LDV) is being held at the community hall in Ystradowen on Friday, July 13.**

The LDP proposed a possible 95 houses locally, but since the consultation took place, a new Vale Council has been elected, promising to initiate a review and look at the plans again.

One of the residents, Mr Andrew Loyns, told The GEM "The LDP published in February by the Vale Council proposed that Ystradowen should have 95 additional new houses built – a 50 per cent increase in size."

Two fields on opposite sides of Sandy Lane were identified as suitable sites for development.

Mr Loyns pointed out that such a large increase in housing would greatly increase the volume of cars and congestion in the village, and put pressure on local amenities.

He said the council's review gave the village a window of opportunity to reduce the "disproportionate" expansion in housing to something more reasonable.

"Unless we organise as a village, then under the new LDP we could face an even greater expansion,"he warned.

"I would urge people to come along to the meeting and air their view about this crucial issue."

*The residents' meeting is at 7pm on July 13.* **TIM CHAPMAN**

# Greek taverna in Cowbridge!

***ON Wednesday, June 27, a Greek Taverna event was held at Cowbridge Community College, as part of the Greek classes that take place there.***

*There was Greek music,food and sweets, as well as the Greek flag and light decorations to give everyone the feeling of actually being in the country.*

*There was also a chance to learn to play the traditional backgammon game.*

*Alexia, the class tutor and a native Greek speaker, said that it was one of her students, Adrian, who had the idea and everyone else jumped in.*

*Malcolm's 'lagana' (type of Greek bread) was delicious and so was the baklava that Adrian brought in. Brenda brought in lovely mezedes such as green olives, Greek cheese and sausages and homemade meatballs. Alexia made some spinach and feta pie.*

*Brenda said that enjoying the Taverna was somewhat easier than the verb tenses she is trying to learn. Georgina , a visitor from America, said she really enjoyed the Greek food and learning how to write the alphabet.*

## 'IT WAS A HORRIBLE EXPERIENCE TO WATCH'

# 'Seagull swooped onto my pond and took fish!'

by TIM CHAPMAN

**A local woman, who has a pond in her garden, saw a seagull swoop down and snatch a fish from the water!**

The woman lives in the east of Barry and does not want to be identified, but blamed local people who were feeding seagulls for causing problems.

She told The GEM: "I firmly believe that seagulls belong over the sea and coast and not inland.

"Someone near where I live is feeding the seagulls on a regular basis. More and more are appearing every week and they are causing a problem with the droppings over the gardens and houses.

"Worse still, they have been landing on my roof.

"To my horror last week, as I looked out of the window, a seagull landed on the pond and took one of our fish.

"We have had this pond for nearly 20 years and the fish are well looked after and loved. It was a horrible experience to watch, and I was powerless to help. I love our garden birds and always have feeders out for them."

But with regard to the invading seagulls, the woman issued this plea to people in the town: "Please people of Barry, stop feeding these seagulls as they are a real hazard."

The woman's complaint mirrors that of Mr Richard Pierce, who lives on the other side of the town, and told The GEM earlier this year that delinquent seagulls were making the lives of local people a misery.

He likened their reign of terror to that of the Alfred Hitchcock horror film 'The Birds'.

Mr Pierce said that when seagulls remain in their clifftop habitat, they don't pose a problem, but once they start nesting on people's houses they become a nightmare.

He said they dive bombed people to protect their territory, started squawking as early as 4am, fought among themselves, and he had even seen them have a set-to with a local fox.

*The Vale Council advises people not to feed gulls because it creates an artificially high population, and encourages other breeding pairs to take up residence in an area.*

# Challenge is key to Saskia's dream of acting career

**A Cowbridge teenager is taking on a 'three mountains in one day sponsored hike' to pay the £1,150 course fees that could lead to a professional acting career.**

*Saskia Pay.*

This Saturday, Saskia Pay, aged 17, travels to the Brecon Beacons National Park to take on the challenge.

She explained: "I will be doing a sponsored mountain hike, reaching the summit of three mountains in one day – Pen y Fan, Corn Du and Cribyn.

"I'm more of an arty person than a sporty one, but in tackling three peaks, I thought people would see I'm not taking the easy option.

"I would be hugely grateful to anyone that could offer any sponsorship, no matter how small, in order to help me realise my course dreams."

In February, Saskia auditioned in Cardiff for Youth Music Theatre UK, a national theatre company and registered charity.

She was thrilled that out of the thousands that applied she was one of the people offered a place. It is the second year running that she has won through the audition process for the threatre group. The company have asked me to join the cast of 'Salsa Sisters', an original musical to be performed in Plymouth this August, based on the lives of the Cuban girl-band Anacaona.

"I will attend a residential musical theatre course to rehearse the show.

"The project covers all aspects of musical theatre and I will have the opportunity to work with highly-experienced artistic staff to develop my skills in writing, composing and choreography as well as performance."

Saskia has a passion for theatre and opera from a young age. She has performed at Cardiff's New Theatre, has sung with a youth club at the Welsh National Opera and taken part in performances of *Queen of Spades* and a Tchaikovsky opera, along with musicals at Cowbridge Comprehensive School.

She is a member of the Unknown Theatre Company in Cardiff and trains at the Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama every Sunday.

Recently, she has sung at two local charity events. The first in Craig Penllyn raised money for BEAT Eating Disorders; and on June 29, she sang at the Interact Rotary Club's 'Curry and Jazz Night' in the Quarter Penny Cafe in Cowbridge which helped raise more than £1,000 for Ty Hafan.

She is anxious to grab her latest opportunity with both hands.

"This will be an absolutely invaluable experience and will help me when I audition next year in the hope of achieving a place at a prestigious performing arts conservatoire to study acting at degree level.

"However, the course fees for Youth Music Theatre UK are £1,150, and I am trying to fundraise to help meet these costs."

*If readers wish to support Saskia's dream, they should contact her on 07411 180 275, or e-mail Saskia.Pay@hotmail.com*

**TIM CHAPMAN**

# *Llangan Primary inspection success*

*Llangan Primary School are celebrating an excellent school inspection!*

**LLANGAN Primary School was recently host to Estyn, Her Majesty's Inspectorate for education and training in Wales, with great success.**

Led by Mr Peter Mathias, the inspection team undertook a thorough scrutiny of the school's management, teaching and learning and its links with the community.

The school received a positive report, endorsing the high attainment and progress of pupils at seven and eleven years of age in the national teacher assessments; the quality of teaching; the systems to support pupils' learning; the care, support and guidance provided; and the leadership and management of the senior management team.

It said: "The school is well led. The headteacher provides a calm and purposeful direction to the school and has achieved much by extending links between the school, the local community and further afield to raise standards and to enrich the curriculum."

The headteacher, Mrs Noyes, said: "I am very proud of being part of this amazing team. My thanks also go out to the pupils and their parents whose wonderful support ensures that we can always give the best resources and experiences to our children."

*The full inspection report can be found at: www.llanganprimaryschool.ik.org.*

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# Good news for Barry Hospital – *and our health and social services*

**WHEN I met with the new chair of Cardiff and Vale University Health Board, Maria Battle, last week, I discussed the need for the minor injuries unit at Barry Hospital to be available throughout the day.**

This has been such an important local service for local people and I was delighted with the news that the Health Board plan to return to the original hours of opening to provide a service across the whole day.

I was told that they hope to commence this in August after the recruitment of additional staff to support the minor injuries unit. I look forward to visiting the unit in August when it is fully functioning again and reporting this to The GEM.

The University Health Board is also trialling a new 'Phone First' scheme which will help to signpost people to the most appropriate place. I look forward to hearing more about this as more information is provided.

In a statement to the Assembly two weeks ago I announced £7.5m investment to improve our health services in Wales, under a new 'Invest-to-Save programme', including a scheme in Cardiff and the Vale called the Wyn Campaign 'Regaining and Retaining Independence.'

This scheme is one of three led by local health boards in Wales which involve the Health Service, local government and third (voluntary) sector. They all seek to address the need to provide high quality services to elderly and frail people in our communities; supporting them to live independently in their own homes.

ASSEMBLY NOTES

by Vale AM
***JANE HUTT***
*(Minister for Finance and Leader of the House)*

They are all learning from the experience gained from a scheme similarly funded called 'Happily Independent' in Gwent. This brought together all the local authorities in the Gwent area with the Aneurin Bevan Health Board and they have been piloting new ways in which we can support services for our elderly and frail citizens.

Through Invest-to-Save, we are providing this pump-priming money to help our public services introduce new ways of working, learning from schemes already underway across Wales and encouraging all sectors to work together.

The repayable nature of Invest-to-Save is a successful approach helping get the schemes off the ground and providing re-cycled funds for further investment.

For the elderly and frail, as well as their carers, it is equally important that we invest in our social services as well as the NHS. These were strong messages during Carers Week recently.

The Deputy Minister for Social Services, Gwenda Thomas AM, is introducing a new Social Services Bill, and she is now considering the outcome of consultation on the draft Bill undertaken over the past three months.

Our commitment to investing in social services was reflected in our Budget this year and over the period 2011-12 to 2013-14, we are committed to increasing funding at 1 per cent better than the uplift to the Block Grant we receive from Westminster to Wales.

To achieve this, the Welsh Government has allocated an additional £35 million over this period, for social services. The latest statistics for 2012-13 are encouraging. They show that spending on social services for this year is budgeted by local authorities to increase by 4 %.

*This demonstrates our commitment to working together in Wales, across health and social services, to invest in the services that are so important in a caring society.*

# WARNING! 'Beware this computer scam'

**FOLLOWING a police warning in The GEM last week (June 28) about a computer scam currently in circulation, one lady has spoken out about her own experience as a further warning to others.**

Lorna Sanders, mother of GEM reporter Leigh, was caught out by one of the scammers, pretending to be from a computer protection company, warning her of "problems" with her laptop that they could fix for a fee up front.

After taking her bank and login details, they accessed her computer remotely and told her that they were solving the issues, "demonstrating" to her programs that had "malfunctioned" while she watched.

She told The GEM: "They were using jargon that to me was confusing. They were showing me internet systems that they were saying were faulty. It seemed very real to me, very plausible.

"I felt really unsettled afterwards. I didn't really know what I had committed to. I spoke to several people from the so-called company and when I looked back at my notes I remembered they had spoken of computer 'infections' rather than 'viruses', which sounded out of place to me.

"I spoke to my daughter, who checked the company out and that's when I rang the bank and asked them to cancel my credit card.

"These people are working on catching you by surprise and I think they are sounding so assertive. If people get a similar call, either ignore them, or just say '*if there are problems with my computer, I'll get it checked at my end*'.

"I don't expect there's any chance of getting my money back. I think it was just their professional approach that caught me.

"They were able to show me a list of 'applications' on my computer which were 'infected' and they were quite persistent."

*Last week's report highlighted the local police force's message to be vigilant against such calls, and last year, The GEM highlighted a case in St Athan where a woman was caught out by a similar scam.*

# Airport task force has first meeting

**THE first meeting of a group aiming to improve Cardiff Airport, has ended with a positive statement from Carwyn Jones, the First Minister.**

The Cardiff Airport Task Force has been put together to examine the competitive position of the airport, and brings together the site's owners, the Welsh Government and business leaders.

*The First Minister personally chaired the meeting which included representatives from Cardiff Airport, St Athan Enterprise Zone British Airways Maintenance, CBI Wales, the South Wales Chamber of Commerce, Trade Unions, the Vale of Glamorgan County Council and the Welsh Local Government Association.*

Speaking after the meeting, Carwyn Jones AM, said: "Wales, as a confident European nation, needs a national airport we can all be proud of.

"I have established this new task force for one clear reason – to make sure Cardiff Airport grows and thrives.

"I want Cardiff Airport to realise its true potential as a modern, well-connected success at the heart of our national infrastructure.

"The airport is the gateway to our country and I want it to provide a fitting welcome to Wales, and play a key part in our economic growth.

"For Cardiff Airport to be all it can be, the Welsh Government, the owners and all those with an interest, need to work together. Today's meeting is the first step in this process.

"We held constructive talks, explored our mutual interests and agreed on some joint actions before the next meeting.

"While, ultimately the day-to-day operation of Cardiff Airport is the responsibility of Abertis, I want this task force to bring about real, positive change for the airport that benefits everyone."

## AM's SURGERY

***VALE AM, Jane Hutt, will be holding a surgery tomorrow (Friday, July 6) at St Bride's Major Church Hall from 4-5pm, and at Wick Village Hall from 5.30pm - 6pm.***


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# Cowbridge and District Bridge

***VALE of Glamorgan Bridge Club, club night June 25 (18 pairs):***

*First, Debbie Richards and Simon Richards, 66.07 per cent; second, Mary Moore and Diana Jones 63.39; third, Mike Best and Kevin Maddox 59.23; fourth=, Barbara Easterbrook and Margaret Bancroft 53.27; fourth=, Barrie Waite and Graham Norris 53.27; sixth, Ray Smith and Gwynne Maddox 52.08.*

***Cowbridge and District Bridge Club, club night June 26, (13 pairs):***

*First, Marian East and Rita Williams 68.00 per cent; second, Barbara and Colin Easterbrook 59.50; third, Teri Pollard and Anne Hughes 55.50; fourth, Ann Miller and Jo Ilesley 55.00; fifth, Mary Wallis and Myrtle Hansard 53.50; sixth, Pam Higgs and Joyce Birmingham 52.73.* **BS**


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# What's going on at Llanfair Primary?

**PUZZLED pupils at Llanfair Primary are keen to solve the mystery of what's behind the cover on the wall at their school.**

**Everyone is welcome to find out at the school's centenary celebrations on Saturday, July 7 from 2pm onwards, when all will be revealed!**

**There will also be pony rides, afternoon tea, games, cakes, stalls and many other attractions at the Edwardian-themed celebration fair.**

## BRIDGE RESULTS

***Cowbridge and District Bridge Club results:***

***Vale of Glamorgan Bridge Club, June 11 (18 pairs):*** *First, Ray Smith and Gwynne Maddox, 69.05 per cent; second, David Birt and Mike Best, 67.56; third, Vida Halford and Glyn Williams, 61.31; fourth, Linda Pinnock and Marjorie Morris, 59.82; fifth, Mary Moore and Tony Disley 59.52; sixth, Debbie Simon Richards 53.67.*

***Cowbridge and District Bridge Club (Llanbleddian) , June 12:***

*First, Mearl Owen and Debbie Rosevear, 61.04 per cent; second, Sylvia Phillips and Margaret Bancroft, 60.06; third, Barbara and Colin Easterbrook, 56.17; fourth, Mary Thomas and Dennis Barker 53.25; fifth=, Mary Wallis and Myrtle Hansard, 52.92; fifth=, Ann Millar and Judy Springett, 52.92.*

***Vale of Glamorgan Bridge Club, June 18, (20 pairs):***

*First, Mary Moore and John Beard, 70.73 per cent; second, Alan Lewis and Terry Evans, 60.97; third, Simon and Debbie Richards, 58.77; fourth, Linda Pinnock and Marjorie Morris, 57.78; fifth, Mike Best and David Birt, 57.52; sixth, Ray Smith and Gwynne Maddox 52.48.*

***Cowbridge and District Bridge Club (Llanbleddian), June 19:***

*We regret that we could not produce a result this week with the scoring slips produced and incorrect entries inserted.*

**BS**

# Former student on prestigious internship in the Philippines

**A FORMER Cowbridge Comprehensive student, Thomas Tasker, is one of 91 students from across Scotland to have gained a prestigious internship with the Saltire Foundation.**

The Edinburgh University student will spend the next eight weeks working in Citigroups IT and Communications department in Manila, alongside one other Saltire Foundation Scholar for a once in a lifetime experience.

Thomas has been an active committee member of the Edinburgh University Japanese Society throughout his time in Edinburgh, helping strengthen international ties between students of many nationalities through events and socials.

He hopes that his time spent in Manila will help to give him a greater understanding of different cultural experiences.

*The Saltire Foundation, which was founded five years ago and is backed by the organisation GlobalScots, targets Scotland's most talented college students, most of whom would not normally have access to such opportunities, and provides them with paid internships in international businesses.*

***ABOVE: Thomas Tasker. He has won a "once-in-a-lifetime" business IT opportunity.***

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# The Sewing Box – Llantwit Major's best-kept secret!

**MANY of you will know the Sewing Box in Llantwit Major – the friendly team there has been doing clothing and curtain alterations for many years and new owners Steve and Lynn have just celebrated their first year in charge.**

During their first year, there has been a big expansion in the range of wool and yarns that are available – now stocking Sirdar, Rico, Patons, Regia and New Lanark Mills.

There are dozens of patterns for all sorts of knitting projects.

The Knit and Natter group meets every Thursday at 1pm, and knitting classes run regularly.

Curtains are the big innovation at the Sewing Box. Lynn has selected two big national brands to offer to customers – Belfield Furnishings and Prestigious Textiles – both have a reputation for quality and competitive prices.

The Sewing Box has hundreds of patterns and colour combinations on display to suit every room and budget.

BIG NEWS! After its success last year, Steve and Lynn will be running a big curtain sale throughout July – 20 per cent off all made to measure curtains and fabrics.

Hurry along – the Sewing Box also offers a free measuring service for all curtain customers.

Steve and Lynn (and their friendly team!) look forward to welcoming you to the Sewing Box.

# VALE MP's VIEWPOINT

## Healthcare across the UK: *a comparison*

**THE state of our healthcare is a cause for concern. The National Audit Office last week published a report highlighting key trends and variations in the delivery of healthcare across the four nations of the UK.**

Despite the shared history and similarities between the four nations, there are considerable variations in areas such as health outcomes, spending, staffing and quality.

Life expectancy varies significantly across the UK – from 77.6 in Wales to 78.6 in England for men, and from 81.8 in Wales to 82.6 in England for women. Spending on health services in the UK more than doubled in cash terms in the last decade.

In line with the rise in spending, the number of NHS staff has increased over the last decade. Scotland has the most GPs per person (80 per 100,000 people in 2009 compared with 65 per 100,000 in Wales).

In 2008-09, average hospital lengths of stay varied from 4.3 days in England to 6.3 days in Wales.

GEM readers will know that I am a strong supporter of the Health and Social Care Bill. I believe it will bring about fresh innovation and new approaches to healthcare that have the opportunity to drive efficiency and value for money in what is the UK's most treasured public service.

Coming from Wales, however, we won't benefit from such changes. Labour's criticisms throughout every part of the parliamentary scrutiny didn't offer their model in Wales as an example of their policy outcomes: cuts in NHS spending, longer waiting times and poor mortality rates.

**Vale MP Alun Cairns** reports to GEM readers

*Waiting targets also differ. In England, the target is 18 weeks from GP referral to treatment. In Wales, the target is 26 weeks from GP referral to initial consultation.*

*If the target is not met in England, provision in the private sector, for immediate treatment, is a possibility.*

*This is not an option in Wales. Patients simply have to wait, and they do.*

The National Audit Report states that only 91.4 per cent of patients achieve GP referral within the Wales target of 26 weeks. In England, 97.3 per cent receive first outpatient appointment or diagnostic service within their 18 week target.

The UK government is to grow its health spend in real terms over this parliamentary period whereas the administration in Cardiff Bay plans to cut Welsh NHS by more than half a billion pounds in real terms over the next three years.

Other figures released via a FOI request, show that more than ten thousand people spent over 12 hours in accident and emergency departments last year, and over 700 spent more than 24 hours there. Similar figures are reported for 2010.

These waiting times in A and E are just unacceptable.

With planned cuts in the number of 24/7 A and E departments in the future – personally endorsed by the First Minister – this bleak situation is only set to get worse.

These figures and report follow hot on the heels of a recent call for an inquiry into whether the ministerial code has been breached by the Health Minister in her handling and communication of NHS finances in Wales.

While the Minister has publicly addressed her decision to allow three other health boards to draw down on this year's budget (a collective total of £12 million), no similar reference has been made to the additional £12m somehow made available to Cardiff and Vale. This lack of NHS transparency is misleading at best.

*Labour's record-breaking cuts to the health budget have left our NHS reeling in Wales. It's time to reverse that policy and invest in patient care.*

# Music in the Vale 2012

**THE 2012 Music in the Vale competition will be holding competitions on the following dates at Cowbridge Comprehensive School:**

**Singers**: Saturday, November 24, and **instrumentalists**: Sunday, November 25. Closing date for applications: Monday, November 5.

Download your application forms from: *www.musicinthevale.org.uk/Competition.html*.

There are no grade restrictions, and successful entrants will receive auditions with professional written adjudications, plus an evening concert for the finalists, and performance opportunities throughout the year at venues including the Wales Millennium Centre.

***Age categories (as at September 1, 2012) are:***

Instrumentalists: juniors, eight-11 years, intermediate, 12-16 years, senior, 17-21 years.

Instrumental ensembles: eight-12 years (in groups of two-eight).

Singers: juniors, eight-13 years, intermediate14-17 years, senior, 18-24 years.

Vocal ensembles: eight-24 years (in groups of two-12).

*For more information, visit: www.musicinthevale.org.uk.*

# Barry's new giant deckchair ready for a sizzling summer!

**A GIANT deckchair has been created on the promenade at Barry Island in anticipation of a big summer for the seaside resort.**

Barry Island trader Pat Collins has had the 15-foot-high deckchair built to mark the fact that his family, who have been involved with the resort for more than 80 years, recently took over the beach deckchair service.

Mr Collins said: "We are all looking forward to a fantastic summer ahead at Barry Island. This colourful giant deckchair sums up the fun, positive spirit we have here and the reaction from visitors to the deckchair has been overwhelming, with it becoming a real talking point."

Mr Collins, who also operates a series of promenade amusements and the Smuggler's Cove Crazy Golf, added: "We always hope for a sunny summer season, but whatever the weather, you can never dampen people's spirits at Barry Island."

Adding to the fun this summer, will be a packed programme of free entertainment taking place along the promenade and seafront every weekend during the summer school holidays.

Organised by the Vale Council's tourism team, the events will kick-off with a spectacular 'Street Dance Weekender' on July 21-22.

***ABOVE***
***Among the first to enjoy sitting on the giant deckchair at Barry Island were Andrew and Hazel Brindley, from Caerphilly, who were taking their 18-month-old twins Ethan and Dexter to the resort for the first time.***

# PACT meetings

***COWBRIDGE PACT*** *meeting on Monday, July 9 at the Fire Station, Drids Green at 7pm.*

***LLANTWIT PACT*** *meeing on tuesday, July 10 at Llantwit Leisure Centre at 7pm.*

***ST BRIDES MAJOR PACT*** *surgery on Wednesday, July 11 at Ogmore-by-Sea Lifeguard Hut at 7pm.*

***WENVOE PACT*** *meeting on Wednesday, July 11 at Wenvoe Community Hall at 7pm.*

***CRAIG PENNLYN*** *coffee and chat meeting on Wednesday, July 18 at the Red Fox public house at 11am.*

# *Vale becomes a Heart County*

***LEFT: Vale Mayor, Coun Eric Hacker, signs the pledge that makes the Vale a 'Heart County'.***

***THE Vale Council has become the fifth area in Wales to sign up as a British Heart Foundation (BHF) 'Heart County'.***

***Coun Eric Hacker, Mayor of the Vale, signed the pledge to be Wales' latest community to join the British Heart Foundation initiative and support lifesaving research.***

***Pupils from Cadoxton Primary School and St Helen's Junior School in Barry performed at the event and then posed with council and Cardiff and Vale University Health Board staff to publicise the pledge signing.***

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As the school year ends, Stagecoach Theatre Arts look back with great satisfaction at another fantastic year.

More than 300 children, aged 3 to 18 years attend Stagecoach in Cowbridge or Bridgend each week. The fact that so many return, year after year, reflects the enjoyment they get, and skills they learn in drama, dance and singing.

Not just performance skills from specialist teachers, but skills for life. Also, because Stagecoach is the largest network of performing arts schools in the world, it is well respected as part of a child's CV. Add to that, presentations, awards, written reports, subscription to 'Young Performer' magazine, inspections and a safe environment. Plus, extra opportunities to take *LAMDA* acting and speech awards, group *Performance Arts Awards*, and professional work through the Stagecoach Agency. And there is no doubt why Stagecoach has gone from strength to strength for nearly 25 years!

# LOCAL CAUSES COLLECT £4,000 WAITROSE CHEQUES

*The local representatives gather to receive their cheques from Waitrose.*

**WAITROSE Barry recently welcomed representatives from 12 local good causes to a cheque presentation evening, where a total of £4,000 was donated.**

Each month, three local causes are supported by the branch, with £1,000 being shared between them.

Spokeswoman Vicky Barree reported: "The evening was hosted by Partners Howard Pearson and Vicky Barree. Not only was this a chance for the branch to present each good cause with its cheque, but it was also an opportunity for the representatives to meet and to learn about the other groups that had taken part in the scheme."

The following cheques were presented: *VCVS £330; 372 Air Cadets Squadron £320; Tuesday Youth Project £350; National Coastwatch Institution £410; Flat Holm Society £280; Llantwit Major Surf Lifesaving Club £310; Colcot Darby & Joan Club £350; Barry Rugby Club Minis & Juniors £370; 10th Barry Girl Guides £280; Barry Blind Club £580; Cruse Bereavement £240; Barry Children's Hockey Club £180.*

Also presented with a cheque that evening were representatives from All Saints Primary School Barry who had taken part in the annual 'Music Matters' scheme that runs nationally across the partnership.

From all the hundreds of nominations received, the school successfully secured a bid of £2,000, which will be used to fund various music projects.

# Canolfan Porthceri boosts art festival

**CANOLFAN Porthceri Centre is presenting a range of events during Barry Arts Festival – with something to tickle everyone's artistic tastebuds – but during the first weekend, the accent is definitely on music.**

After Taran's opening gig at The Ship on Friday, July 27, the festival continues on Saturday, July 28 with blues guitarist Del Rey.

Del will be giving a talk with practical demonstration on 'Women in American Music' at 2pm in Windsor Road United Reformed Church.

This will follow the development of classic blues to swing and rocking hillbillies, highlighting women musicians from 1900 to 1960.

Later that evening at the West End Club, Del Rey will dazzle with her mastery of the Resophonic guitar.

The following day, Sunday, July 29, top UK choral conductor Jeff Howard will lead a choral workshop in Windsor Road URC.

Jeff frequently provides arrangements for the BBC National Orchestra and Chorus of Wales, Songs of Praise, S4C and various solo artists.

He has been accompanist, singer and arranger for Only Men Aloud!, and regularly works with artists such as Katherine Jenkins, Hayley Westenra, Michael Ball and John Owen Jones.

Singers will gather at 1pm to learn pieces chosen by Jeff and at 5pm, the public will get the chance to hear the scratch choir perform in an hour-long concert.

Canolfan Porthceri Centre is grateful for the sponsorship of Newydd Housing for this event. The festival is also being funded by Arts Council Wales and the Vale Council.

If you would rather listen than sing there will also be a friendship concert on July 29 at the Knap.

Art 4 U is organising the event as part of the festival "fringe", so go to: *www.art4uwales.org.uk* for more details.

The day runs from 2pm until 8pm and will have a rolling programme of performers.

*Go to: www.porthceri.co.uk for a taste of Del Rey and Jelly Roll Jones and to buy tickets online. Tickets are also available from: Barry Eye Centre, 87 Holton Road (01446) 745606; Gifted, 4 High Street (01446) 721339 and JPL Sound, 267 Holton Road (01446) 722711.*

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# *Ty Hafan winners*

**THE following are winning numbers in the Ty Hafan Crackerjackpot lottery draw number D729.**

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# Ty Hafan 'dads' complete their charity challenge

*PICTURED (left to right) are: Ty Hafan Care workers Dan Notley and Paul Fisher, with dads Sean Ward, Anthony Boggis, Andrew Davies and captain Hywel Tyler.*

**WITH three mountain peaks to climb in 15 hours, it was fortunate that the unseasonable summer weather more or less held off, allowing the 80 teams taking part in the 'GE Aviation Wales 3Peaks' event to accomplish their tough challenge.**

Among those taking part were Sean Ward, Andrew Davies, Anthony Boggis and team captain Hywel Tyler, who all share the experience of spending time, with their families at Ty Hafan, with their life-limited child.

Having managed to get in one or two training sessions in the weeks leading up to the event, they travelled to Snowdon the day before to be ready to start the first climb up Snowdon at 4am on Saturday, June 23.

Two care workers from Ty Hafan, Paul Fisher and Dan Notley completed the team as drivers and catering managers.

Paul Fisher said: "The guys had a really good couple of days. There was a tremendous team spirit but I think it was especially beneficial for the dads to be part of the event as a team.

"They all share a strong common bond and are able to talk about their particular experiences in caring for their life-limited children with each other, which is hugely ben"

Since first being held in 2000, the GE Aviation Wales sponsored event has raised well over £1 million pounds to help Ty Hafan provide care and support."

# Black hounds and winged serpents in the park...

**THE old village of Porthkerry is situated on the western side of Barry, in the Vale of Glamorgan, and dates back to medieval times when Celtic tribes dwelt in the area.**

These people were often terrorised by pillaging Vikings who would raid the coastline. Cwmcidi, originally a medieval village in existence before the 13th Century, spanned 280 acres of land, which contained a parish church.

In 1622, Cwmcidi was known to contain five houses and a small dwelling site. But these had virtually disappeared by the 1840s when the Romilly family (landowners of the community since 1412) cleared the area to create Porthkerry Park, which has been used by humans for centuries.

They constructed a farm and cottages which housed employees such as foresters, stablehands, workers at the sawmill and meat leats by bleeding the woods and fields dry.

The sawmill at Cwmcidi was built around 1835 by the Romilly family estate business with its first employee, Joseph Williams (a carpenter by trade) working the mill and its waterwheel until his death in 1880.

Another gentleman named Joseph Williams then took over the business and created a blacksmith and wheelwright shop. He was succeeded by his son George, who was the last person to man the mill until the 1920s.

The mill ceased trade from that point and it is reported that the abandoned building was used as a local scout headquarters, before being left to the elements. It was saved from deterioration in 1990.

In 1588, a gentleman called Owen Williams purchased land below Barry Hill, where he constructed a dwelling. One notable abode was named Cliffwood Cottage, which was built in 1583, housing its most famous occupant Ann Jenkin, who was eventually convicted of practicing witchcraft.

Another landmark which towers above the landscape of Porthkerry is the spectacular viaduct. It opened as a railway link to Barry on December 1, 1897.

But disaster had already occurred in 1896 when one the 13 archways slipped, resulting in the line being closed on an immediate basis. During the time of its closure, this stone structure was found to have unstable foundations and other faults, so during its time of repair, a loop line was created about 2½ miles in a northerly direction.

On January 8, 1900, the railway line opened to carry goods trains, and on January 9, steam trains were permitted to carry passengers.

The park today is known for its golden stairs, which acquired its name from the rumoured golden coins buried beneath it during construction. This, and Cliffwood (a lowland wood on limestone rock) were designated an SSSI (Site of Special Scientific Interest) in 1962 and 1983.

The fable of a man and his servant travelling to visit a local witch to purchase a love potion has been deliberated for centuries. As they refused to hand over payment for the remedy, a curse was thrust upon them and they were never seen again.

In their place two mysterious trees appeared, one tall and straight, the other shaped in a crooked way. Could Ann Jenkin from Cliffwood Cottage be the witch in question, who cast her spell over victims eager to test her magical remedy, or just a myth passed down through time surrounded by mystery?

A tale of intrigue involves the woodland where large black hounds with red piercing eyes accompanied by riders on horseback have been seen prowling the area at the dead of night, only to disappear in an instant.

Why would fearsome creatures from a distant era want to roam this vicinity intent on terrifying people from the present?

Legend maintains that winged serpents with jewel-laden wings hover around the area of the park, and if witnessed, are considered to bring good fortune to bystanders in the form of money or valuables.

*But fact or fiction? Only you can decide...*

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# Young cyclists see view from the lorry driver's cab

*One of the young cyclists gets a big road safety lesson at Aberthaw.*

**THIS year, for its annual health and safety day, Lafarge Cement's Aberthaw Works joined forces with nearby Rhws Primary School, to educate pupils about cycle safety and lorry awareness.**

The younger pupils' playground was transformed for the day by the presence of a large 44-tonne bulk cement vehicle.

Driver Paul Chinn, dispatch controller Glyn Davies, and the company's national logistics manager Clare Bottle, presented different aspects of lorry and cycle safety to a total of 90 year-5 and 6 pupils.

All the children had an opportunity to climb into the lorry cab to find out what it's like for a driver. They were told about the range of safety equipment the drivers have access to including mirrors, cameras and sensors, which are particularly important in improving visibility of other vehicles and cycles.

They were also shown the best position for a cyclist to adopt in relation to a large vehicle.

Aberthaw Works manager James Kirkpatrick said: "June is Lafarge's health and safety month. Every year, Lafarge sites around the world hold special safety focused activities to reinforce the team's focus on strong safety performance.

"This year, we wanted to also build on our links with the local community and support a campaign being run by our trade body, the Mineral Products Association. Its National Cycle Safe Campaign aims to raise driver and cyclist awareness of how to avoid accidents on the roads throughout the UK.

Whilst few of these pupils are out cycling on the roads yet, this was a good opportunity to educate them early on how to cycle safely and think about how best to be seen.

"During the day, we also talked to them about the high visibility clothes and safety equipment we wear at Lafarge, in particular the drivers' uniform which is tailored for maximum safety for them.

"We hope that this message will also encourage the children to ensure they are easy to be seen when they take their bikes out.

"We gave each of the children a high visibility drawstring kit bag."

# Farm's open day a success

**FOR** ***the fourth year in a row, Slade Farm Organics opened their gates to the public, giving Bridgend and the Vale the chance to get up close and personal with farming.***

***Piglet racing was one of the most popular events but the shearing demo, dancing dogs and donkeys also drew drew in the crowds.***

***There was a blacksmith demonstration for the first time, entertaining the queues for the ever-popular tractor rides.***

***Local AM Jane Hutt and MP Alun Cairns came along to show their support.***

***Farmer Peter Davies said: "We had a fantastic day, a big thank you to everyone who came."***

***Slade Farm Safaris will be running weekly through the summer in their new trailer. See: www.sladefarmsafari.co.uk for further details.***

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# Out and About with The GEM

## TOWN MAYOR'S WALK FOR LOCAL CHARITIES

*L S Property Improvements & Lettings will be helping Barry Mayor Coun Les Sword collect for his charities on the day.*

**THE Mayor of Barry, Coun Les Sword, will be raising funds for his nominated charities, Ty Hafan and Teenage Cancer Trust Unit Wales, at an 11.9-mile sponsored walk from Llantwit Major to Barry on Saturday, July 28 at 9am.**

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## *Storytelling festival is a worldwide draw!*

**THE Vale AM Jane Hutt joined the Mayor of the Vale, Coun Eric Hacker, and his wife, Heather, at the opening of the International Storytelling Festival on Friday, June 28 in St Donat's Arts Centre. It attracted visitors from all over the world and more than 1,500 people bought tickets in advance.**

## *All speed ahead for the Cardiff toy and train sale*

**THE popular Cardiff event is next taking place at Penarth Leisure Centre this (Saturday, July 7) between 10.30am and 3pm.**

The show was established as recently as January 2011, but has rapidly become established as a top toy and train event in Wales.

Traders come from all over the country and most parts of England as well.The show is known for the large and varied number of stall holders present.

Organiser Chris Dyer said this week: "Our Cardiff show is greatly looked forward to by both the trade and public alike.

"The venue is large and spacious and has a wonderful atmosphere, but also has superb transport links.

"Few, if any, other venues can boast a railway station virtually next door (Cogan Station) and there are also frequent buses to the area.

"Free car parking is also offered and we have the added bonus of a top caterer attending and operating an excellent and good value for money cafe within the show."

This will be the last but one show at Penarth Leisure Centre this year, with the final event scheduled for Saturday, October 13, but the same organiser has sister shows in the area at Barry Island Station on Sunday, August 5 and Barry Leisure Centre on Sunday, September 30 and December 2.

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### Valeways walks

**Sunday, July 8, 7pm, All Wales coastal path, Lavernock extended walk; start at Penarth Cliff Top car park.**

Tuesday, July 10 at 1.30pm-3.30pm, Goldsland path to St Lythan's cairn extended walk. Start at Wenvoe Arms car park, Wenvoe.

Wednesday, July 11 at 1.45pm, coffee shop strollers.

Start at Cosmeston Country Park outside the visitor centre.

### Llanfair School Centenary

**ON Saturday July 7, Llanfair Primary School, St Mary Church, celebrates its centenary.**

Join in the celebrations from 2pm with afternoon tea, pony rides, cakes, tombola, tug-o-war, games, plants and many other activities and stalls. All welcome!

### Street surgery

**COURT ward Independent councillors Richard and Robert are conducting a street surgery this Saturday, July 7, in the Court Road area between 10am-12 noon.**

### Plaid advice

**AN advice surgery for residents will be held by Plaid Cymru Buttrills ward candidate, Dr Ian Johnson, and the Plaid Cymru team at the County Library, Kings Square, Barry, from 11am-12 noon on Saturday, July 7.**

**No appointments necessary.**

### Service change

**ON Sunday July 8, there will be no 10am service at All Saints Church, Victoria Square, Penarth.**

Instead, All Saints will be participating in morning worship at the Big God Tent on the clifftop at 10.30am. Transport available from All Saints from 10am.

### Fibromyalgia support

***THE next meeting of the Vale of Glamorgan Fibromyalgia Support Group is on Tuesday, July 10 between 11am and 1pm. Telephone Gaynor Davies for more details on 01446 733315.***

### Table tennis

**VALE of Glamorgan Table Tennis Academy is closed until Wednesday, July 11 from 6pm for the summer holiday.**

### School reunion

**THE Cowbridge School 40th reunion takes place at Bar 44 on Saturday, July 28 for starters in 1983.**

### Pet walk for hospice

**PENARTH and district fundraising group for Marie Curie is organising a pet walk with a difference.**

Do your favourite walk with your pet, anywhere, anytime and any distance in the week beginning August 4.

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All money raised will go towards patient care at the hospice in Penarth.

*For further information and registration, contact Mary Evans on 02920 700040; Nerys Thomas on 02921 157743, or e-mail nerysltthomas@tiscali.co.uk.*

### Going walkies for Ty Hafan!

**NINE-year-old Jack Russell, Lotti, and her owner Sarah Pierce, from Llanblethian, have signed up for the Ty Hafan 'Hounds for Pounds' sponsored dog walk on Sunday, August 5 in Margam Country Park.**

"We are really looking forward to taking part," said Sarah.

"It will be wonderful having so many different dogs all together and being able to chat to all their owners.

As dog lovers we all have a bit of a soft spot for our pets and it will be great fun to join in with the sponsored walk and competitions.

"Lotti has already been quite successful in getting her sponsorship together – it's a really novel way of supporting a charity which does such great work for some families across Wales who so need the support from Ty Hafan."

Entry is £5 per adult, all children under 16 go free and each entrant is asked to raise £30 minimum in sponsorship. Register at: www.tyhafan.org/hounds, or contact 02920 672060.

*The entry fee includes your parking at Margam Country Park and a special treat for all dogs.*

### Cymdeithas gigs at Eisteddfod

**TICKETS for Cymdeithas yr Iaith Gymraeg's gigs at the National Eisteddfod in Llandow have gone on sale, with organisers saying they have combined the best line-up with the cheapest place to stay.**

In partnership with Llantwit Major Rugby Club, the group have ensured Eisteddfod-goers will be able to stay in a tent for £6 a night with a 10 per cent off drinks deal for those who camp.

The group's line-up of gigs includes some of the best artists in Wales such as Jess, Yr Ods, Y Bandana, Mr Huw, Meic Stevens, Huw M, Steve Eaves and Lleuwen Staffan, as well as an evening with Tudur Owen (with special guests) to celebrate Cymdeithas' 50th anniversary.

*Tickets are on sale at www.cymdeithas.org/eisteddfod. Spaces on the campsite can be reserved by telephoning 02920 486469.*

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# These Friends With Kids make for some pleasing company!

**FAMILIES have often been the primary source of comedic entertainment, from the Griswolds of the *National Lampoon* series, to the dysfunctional family unit in *Little Miss Sunshine*.**

However, recently comedies have looked outside the family paradigm, moving along with the times to show how different family units function, such as *The Kids Are Alright*.

The topic of children rears its head in *Friends With Kids*, which sees Jennifer Westfeld and Adam Scott play two friends, Julie and Jason, who decide to have a child together, in the knowledge that they won't suffer the same fate as their married friends (played by Jon Hamm and Kristen Wiig, and Maya Rudolph and Chris O'Dowd).

But, as it often does in the world of film, things don't run quite as smoothly as the pair hoped when the thorny issue of the pair's relationship appears on the horizon...

When *Bridesmaids* became a runaway success last summer, many people suggested that it was a watermark in cinema, that women were now capable of harnessing their inner comedy gods to an as yet unseen extent, and being observant of the shift in gender dynamics.

While *Friends With Kids* shares many of the same cast, and in some promotional circles has been likened to this year's version of that film, it is a different concoction altogether, one that is wryly insightful and observational, if a touch too labored overall.

Written, directed by and starring Jennifer Westfeld (who had a hand in the similarly well observed *Kissing Jessica Stein*), this is much more than a chance for the actress to show off her talents. Certainly she is one of the leads, but it's a film in which the characters are well sketched and engaging, and Westfeld sits nicely among the ensemble.

Her performance is more than likeable, and along with Adam Scott, the pair make for a satisfying coupling who are perfect for each other but are the only ones that can't see it, their friendship a stumbling block to full-on love.

Neither Westfeld or Scott are particularly big names (though they should be, particularly the latter) but they hold the film together incredibly well, allowing the starrier support cast to hold up their end of the film with aplomb.

While the support are never as integral to the story as you might want them to be, the performances are well realized, Jon Hamm again shaking off the Don Draperisms with a light, pleasing turn, while Kristen Wiig offers a solid, if slight, performance as his wife. Maya Rudolph is charming and witty in her role, while Chris O'Dowd, who really broke out from *Bridesmaids* last year, steals the support crown with his warm, amusing turn as Rudolph's husband.

Westfeld's direction is very much as you would expect, the New York setting allowing the usual visual delights to hit the screen, but is low-key enough to make sure the emphasis lies on the story.

While the set-up is a little different, there is little doubting the final outcome, but Westfeld throws in enough amusing moments to make the time pass easily enough (even if the final act does drag its heels a little as the film bounds towards its climax).

Certainly the observations and amusing dialogue feels akin to the likes of Woody Allen, the setting a further nod to one of cinema's most productive artists, but there is a modern sensibility that takes in the everyday concerns which gives the film a nice spark and engages.

While not the laugh riot of the likes of *Bridesmaids, Friends With Kids* is still an amusing, well written film.

**VERDICT** – Wry and well observed, and packed with likeable performances, *Friends With Kids* is well balanced, the laughs raised built on natural comedy and the concept of the 21st century family. Jennifer Westfeld is a dab hand in her triple roles as writer/director/actor, and *Friends With Kids* should hopefully bring her, and co-star Adam Scott, much more attention. *Enjoyable*.

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# Duo's new book takes trip down memory lane...

**GEM columnist Brian Lee and his daughter, Amanda Harvey, have just seen the second book they have compiled together hit the bookshops.**

*Cardiff Then & Now in Colour,* a hardback book, published by The History Press at £12.99, is a fascinating selection of old photographs paired up with modern ones taken by his daughter at the same spot as photographers of a century or so ago.

From the 1860s, residents of Cardiff were complaining of the rapid changes that were taking place in what was to become the capital city of Wales.

This book reveals those changes, mainly in the heart of the city. For instance, Queen Street, once known as Crockherbertown, was known for its cinemas such as the Capitol, Empire and the Queens, and the book shows what has replaced those long gone picture palaces of the past.

Also featured are department stores such as David Morgan Ltd on The Hayes, and Roberts, which used to be on Kingsway.

Some readers may remember the Taff Vale Inn, which used to be on the corner of Paradise Place and Queen Street. But how many know that Oscar-winning Hollywood film star Ray Milland stayed there before he became famous?

Others might recall the old Empire Theatre, later to become the Gaumont Cinema and later still C&A and now Primark.

Harry Lauder, Marie Lloyd, Dan Leno, Vester Tilly and Harry Houdini were just some of the famous music hall stars that trod its boards.

Also featured are the city's famous arcades, the civic centre, the town hall and much, much more.

Brian, who is the author of more than 20 books about his beloved Cardiff, plus several sports titles, has been contributing to The GEM for more years than he cares to remember.

His daughter Amanda, a freelance journalist, is assistant editor of Morris Minor Magazine. Their first book together, published last year, also by The History Press, was *A Postcard From Cardiff*.

# *Forum meets new champion*

**THE Vale Older People's Strategy Forum (Vale OPSF) held its AGM on June 28 at the Memo in Barry, and introduced the newly-elected Vale Older People's Champion, Coun Stuart Egan.**

Also present was leader of the Vale Council, Coun Neil Moore, and Anna Buchanan from the Older People's Commissioner's Office.

The main presentation to members was 'Scambusters': the team is comprised of dedicated Trading Standards Officers and experienced ex-police officers, who work alongside officers from the Police, HM Revenue and Customs and other enforcement agencies.

They work across local authority boundaries focusing on the hardest to tackle scams and rogue traders that set out to rip people off.

The AGM was well attended, and took fulll advantage of the information made available by 'Scambusters', AdvantAGE, Welfair Rights Service, U3A, TeleV, and Housing information VOGC.

The forum members confirmed the election of Lynda Wallis as the new chairperson of the Vale OPSF, and thanked Mike Edwards for his contribution as previous chairman.

Information on the Vale OPSF can be found at: www.valeopf.org.uk, or by telephoning the Older Peoples Co-ordinator on 01446 450201.

Information on 'Scambusters' can be found at: www.tradingstandardswales.org.uk/scambusters. **JW**

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**UNTIL its merger with Larby Williams in March 2012, Glamorgan Law was very much a creation of the late 20th century.**

In 2010 and 2011, Peter Davies, Solicitors merged with James and Bulteel in Pontypridd and then with Beech and Co, the firm of the current partner in charge of the Glamorgan Law Cowbridge office, Richard Beech.

The 2012 merger with Larby Williams endowed Glamorgan Law with a much longer pedigree, however. Adrian Larby, former senior partner of Larby Williams and now a consultant with Glamorgan Law, commented: "Larby Williams was formed in 1997 and in 2004 we joined forces with the long established firm of Gwyn and Gwyn whose roots in the Vale stretch back into the mid-nineteenth century.

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# PARALYMPIC SWIMMER VISITS HER OLD SCHOOL

**A PARALYMPIC hopeful has visited her former school in Porthcawl to talk to the students about her preparations for London 2012.**

Bridgend-born swimmer Rhiannon Henry took a break from her busy schedule to speak to St Clare's school pupils about the type of training it takes to prepare mentally and physically for such an important competition.

Rhiannon left the school after her A-Levels to progress her swimming career full-time. She is visually impaired, and is currently trained at the City of Manchester Aquatics Club.

Her successes so far include winning two bronze medals at the 2004 Paralympics in Athens. Her more recent highlights include a further two bronzes at this year's British championships.

The 25-year-old said: "Taking part in sport was a massive part of my time at St Clare's. I hope that I have inspired the children of St Clare's to strive for their sporting dreams, and to know that nothing can hold you back if you work hard enough."

During her visit, Rhiannon also presented the school with their London 2012 Get Set Network plaque. Through joining the network, the school is a member of a special community of schools who are committing themselves to Olympic and Paralympic values and are using the London 2012 Games to motivate and inspire learners of all ages to get involved with sport..

John Aguilar, head of St Clare's School, said: "The children enjoyed hearing about Rhiannon's successes and preparations for the future. The pupils and staff are extremely proud of her and we wish her the very best of luck in London this year."

*Rhiannon Henry presents St Clare's pupils with their London 2012 Get Set Network plaque: (left to right) Jack Hubbard-Miles, Scott Hurry, Paralympian swimmer Rhiannon Henry, Kate Richards, Abi Brown.*

# Rotary Club welcomes the new president

**A LOCAL retired software developer, who has given much of his spare time to volunteering and fundraising in the local community, has become the new president of Cowbridge Rotary Club.**

Andrew Lane was installed on Monday, June 25, at The Bear in Cowbridge.

He has been a Rotarian for 21 years, and his commitment to the club has earned the respect of fellow members who voted him in as their new president for the forthcoming year.

Andrew is married to Ruth and they have two sons, Steve, a physicist, and Ian, a medical doctor. Andrew said:

"Firstly, thank you to the club members for electing me as president. The responsibilities that follow feel huge at this stage.

"It's going to be a very exciting year. The charities for the coming year which I would like the club to support are: Alzheimer's Society (Cardiff and Vale) and Breast Cancer Campaign Tissue Bank.

"It will establish a valuable resource of data and samples which will assist researchers in UK and Ireland.

"As for the year ahead, we're hoping to try out a few new things this year and are looking for inspired and enthusiastic men and women to join our club. We have a lot of fun and really enjoy ourselves, on top of all the fundraising we do. We would love to hear from anyone interested in joining us and making a real difference to their community."

*To find out more about the Rotary Club of Cowbridge, please contact Gene Murphy on 01446 772203.* **AB**

# Seren's Jubilee bunting entry was a winner!

**THE winner of Cowbridge library's Jubilee bunting competition was Seren Pullin (eight) who is pictured receiving her prize from librarian, Melanie Weeks.**

# Charity shop is opened in Bridgend

**THE newly-appointed Lady Mayor of Bridgend County Borough Council, Coun Marlene Thomas, was joined by Coun Jeff Tildesley and other local dignitaries to celebrate the opening of the first Emmaus south Wales charity shop in Nolton Street, Bridgend.**

Emmaus (pronounced e-*may*-us) plan to open a number of other shops throughout south Wales. The Mayor said this was the first shop opening she had done and wished the manager, Amanda Webb, the trustees, and all the shop volunteers great success.

The proceeds from the shop will help raise money to open the first Emmaus community in Wales in the Bridgend area, enabling homeless people to have a home, work and hope for the future.

There are currently 23 such communities in England and there is already much support for Bridgend to benefit from all that Emmaus can offer.

*Lady Mayor of Bridgend, Coun Marlene Thomas, Coun Jeff Tildesley and other local dignitaries attended the opening of the first Emmaus charity shop in south Wales.*

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# *Eisteddfod – mis i fynd!*

***GYDAG ychydig dros fis i fynd cyn ymweliad gwyl flaenaf Cymru i Fro Morgannwg, mae'r bwrlwm yn sicr yn dwysau gyda baneri a fflagiau i'w gweld yn chwifio ar hyd a lled y Sir ac erbyn hyn hefyd mae'r Pafiliwn Pinc ar ei draed sydd yn arwydd pendant bod yr Eisteddfod ar ei ffordd.***

*Mae dros 400 wedi gwneud cais am le ar y Maes Carafannau ac mae'r Maes ei hun bron iawn yn llawn gyda stondinwyr wedi archebu 320 o unedau.*

*Mae'r Neuadd Arddangos eleni yn fwy nac erioed o'r blaen gyda dros 40 o grefftwyr, gemyddion ac artistiaid wedi cymryd eu lle i sicrhau y bydd yr Eisteddfod yn fecca unwaith eto i siopwyr o bob math.*

*Agwedd bwysig o ymweliad yr Eisteddfod i unrhyw ardal yw gwaith y Pwyllgorau Apel . Mae'r Pwyllgorau hyn yn holl bwysig i godi arian a cyhoeddusrwydd am ymweliad yr Eisteddfod â'r ardal.*

*Mae'n braf cael datgan eu bod o fewn dim i gyrraedd y nod uchelgeisiol o £300,000 a osodwyd i'r Fro a gydag ambell weithgaredd yn dal i ddod, rydym yn ffyddiog o gyrraedd y darged holl bwyisg yma.*

*Meddai'r Trefnydd, Hywel Wyn Edwards: "Mae'n anodd credu bod yr Eisteddfod ar ein gwarthae unwaith eto eleni. Dwy flynedd o waith ym Mro Morgannwg ar fin cyrraedd penllanw – a'i uchafbwynt. Mae'r croeso a gawsom gan drigolion lleol, a chan y tîm o wirfoddolwyr dan arweiniad Dylan Jones, wedi bod yn arbennig iawn, ac mae'r gwaith maen nhw wedi'i wneud yn codi ymwybyddiaeth ac arian i'r Gronfa Leol yn glodwiw.*

*"Er bod mis i fynd ac ambell weithgaredd dal ar y gweill, credaf ei fod yn amserol i ni fod yn talu teyrnged iddyn nhw oll am eu gwaith, eu hymroddiad, eu cefnogaeth, ond yn fwy na dim am eu brwdfrydedd a'u hanogaeth mewn cyfnod economaidd anodd. Mae'r hyn mae'r pwyllgorau a thrigolion y dalgylch wedi llwyddo'i wneud yn rhagorol, a mawr yw ein diolch ni iddyn nhw.*

## *Cynllun traffig*

***MAE'R system traffig erbyn hyn yn ei le gyda manylion llawn i'w cael ar wefan yr Eisteddfod neu drwy ffonio'r swyddfa ar 029 2076 3777.***

*Yn ôl y Trefnydd: "Mae'n bwysig ein bod yn atgoffa ac yn annog pawb a fydd yn dod draw i'r Eisteddfod i ddilyn y cyfarwyddiadau traffig. Mae hyn yn angenrheidiol gan ei fod yn hollbwysig ein bod yn cadw'r traffig i lifo'n esmwyth yn ystod yr wythnos. Mae nifer o lonydd bach cul yn y Fro, a rydym yn awyddus i sicrhau nad yw Eisteddfodwyr yn mynd yn sownd ar y rhain ac nad oes problemau'n codi oherwydd pobl yn anwybyddu'r arwyddion a fydd yn eu lle ar gyfer yr wythnos.*

*"Wrth gwrs, ffordd hawdd o beidio gorfod poeni am y traffig yw defnyddio trafnidiaeth gyhoeddus, ac mae manylion y bysiau gwennol i'w cael ar ein gwefan. Bydd y bysiau'n cyfarfod y trenau yng ngorsaf Llanilltud Fawr ac yn cludo ymwelwyr i'r Maes.*

*"Bydd gwasanaeth cyffelyb yn cludo ymwelwyr o'r Bontfaen i'r Maes hefyd. Felly, os ydych chi'n byw – neu'n aros – o fewn cyrraedd i orsaf drenau, mae dod ar y tren i'r Eisteddfod yn opsiwn arbennig o dda, ac yn un rydym ni'n ei argymell, gan ein bod yn awyddus i weld cynifer o ymwelwyr â phosibl yn defnyddio trafnidiaeth gyhoeddus i'n cyrraedd.*

*"Byddwn hefyd yn darparu mannau diogel i bobl gloi hyd at 400 o feiciau y tu allan i'r Ganolfan Groeso, felly, mae beicio i'r Brifwyl hefyd yn opsiwn i'n hymwelwyr."*

## *Tocynnau*

***OS ydach chi'n bwriadu ymweld â'r Eisteddfod mae tocynnau ar werth drwy wefan yr Eisteddfod. www.eisteddfod.org.uk neu drwy ffonio y llinell docynnau ar 0845 40 90 400.***

*Ychydig iawn o docynnau sydd ar gael i'r cyngerdd agoriadol erbyn hyn, felly mae angen archebu'r rheini'n fuan. Mae arlwy y cyngherddau eleni yn cynnig rhywbeth at ddant bawb gan gynnwys Gala Gomedi cyntaf erioed yr Eisteddfod a chyngherddau gan ddau o brif artistiaid Cymru, Caryl Parryl Jones a Dafydd Iwan.*

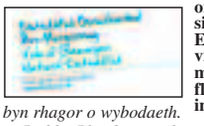
*Y Pafiliwn hefyd fydd lleoliad premier Prydeinig o waith newydd y cyfansoddwr Karl Jenkins, Beirdd Cymru, ar y Nos Sadwrn cyntaf (Awst 5) gyda'r cyfansoddwr ei hun yn arwain Côr yr Eisteddfod, Dennis O'Neill a Rebecca Evans.*

*Mae cynllun tocynnau 3 am 2 erbyn hyn wedi dod i ben ond mae dal modd manteisio ar y cynnig o brynu tocyn wythnos neu'r cynnig o gostyngiad o 10% ar docynnau Maes o hyd.*

## *Gweithgareddau ar y Maes*

***ERBYN hyn mae'r amserlenni ar gyfer y gwahanol bafiliynau wedi'u cyhoeddi ar ein gwefan – www.eisteddfod.org.uk.***

*Gellir chwilio'r amserlenni fesul diwrnod neu adeilad a rydym hefyd wedi creu amserlenni'n cynnwys gwybodaeth am ddisgyblaethau arbennig. Byddwn yn diweddaru'r rhain yn rheolaidd wrth i ni dderbyn rhagor o wybodaeth.*



*Bydd y Rhaglen swyddogol ar gael i'w phrynu'n fuan o'ch siop lyfrau lleol a thros y we o wefan yr Eisteddfod. Mae'r Rhaglen yn cynnwys pob math o wybodaeth am yr hyn a fydd yn digwydd ar y Maes yn ystod y dydd a fin nos yn ystod yr wythnos.*

## A MONTH TO GO!

**WITH little over a month to go before the start of the Vale of Glamorgan Eisteddfod, the build-up is gathering steam.**

The Pink Pavilion has arrived at the site and is a sure sign that the Eisteddfod is on its way! Over 400 caravanners have made an application to the official car park and the maes itself is near to capacity with over 320 stalls let. The Exhibition Hall, home to a variety of jewellery, craft and art stalls, is bigger than ever before, with over 40 exhibitors taking stands.

An important part of the visit of any Eisteddfod is the work of the local appeal committees. These committees are all important in raising money and awareness of the Eisteddfod and it is wonderful to be able to confirm that they are within touching distance of reaching the challenging target of £300,000 the Vale was given.

With numerous activities still to be held we are confident that this figure will be met.

Organiser Hywel Wyn Edwards said: "It's difficult to believe that the Eisteddfod is almost upon us again this year. Two years of work in the Vale of Glamorgan is about to reach its climax.

"The welcome we've received from local people, and from the team of volunteers, has been wonderful, and the work they've done raising awareness and funds is excellent.

"Although there's a month to go, and events still to be held, I think it's timely that we pay tribute to them all for their work, their commitment and most of all for their enthusiasm during a difficult economic period.

"We are extremely grateful for everything you've achieved over the past two years. *Diolch yn fawr.*"

### Traffic plan

**THE traffic plan is now in place, with full details available from the Eisteddfod website. According to the organiser: "It's important that we remind and encourage everyone to follow the road signs to reach the Eisteddfod. This is vitally important as we must try to keep traffic flowing in the Vale during the week.**

"An easy way of not having to worry about traffic is to use public transport, of course, and details of the shuttle services are available on our website.

"The buses will meet the trains at Llantwit Major station and bring visitors to the Maes. A similar service will run from Cowbridge to the Maes and we are keen to see as many visitors as possible using public transport to arrive.

"We will also be providing around 400 lockable bicycle stands close to the main entrance, so cycling to the Eisteddfod is also an option for visitors."

### Tickets

**IF you are thinking of visiting the Eisteddfod, tickets are available from the website: *www.eisteddfod.org.uk,* or by contacting the ticket line on 0845 40 90 400.**

There are very few tickets left for the opening concert, so you'll need to book these as soon as you can.

The other concerts during the week offer something for all tastes, with the concert on the first Saturday promising to be an exclusive and not to be missed event, as the pavilion plays host to the Brisith premier of composer Karl Jenkins' new work: '*Bards of Wales*'.

The composer himself will be conducting the concert, which will feature the Eisteddfod choir, tenor Dennis O'Neill and Soprano, Rebecca Evans.

The three for two ticket offer for 'maes' tickets has now expired, however, the 10 per cent off early bird tickets and the discounted weekly ticket deal are still available from the ticket line or website.

### Activities on the Maes

**The timetables for our buildings on the Maes have been published on our website: *www.eisteddfod.org.uk,* and we will be updating these regularly as we receive more information.**

The official programme will also be available to buy from next week at all good bookshops and through the Eisteddfod website.

The programme includes all kinds of information about activities on the Maes during the day and in the evening throughout the week.

### *Welsh phrase of the week/Ymadrodd yr wythnos:*

***BETH yw'ch enw chi? (Beth you-gh enn-oo ch-hee?), which means, 'What's your name?'.***

**SIONED EDWARDS**

# Ysgol Sant Baruc achieve goal

**THE National Eisteddfod appeals committee is delighted by the fund-raising efforts of the pupils of Ysgol Gymraeg Sant Baruc, Barry.**

The National Eisteddfod was the school's chosen charity for this year.

An ambitious target of £2,000 was set by the staff and pupils.

Pupil members of the school council came up with some original suggestions for raising money, by holding themed dressing up days each month.

In addition to this, a generous contribution from the Christmas concerts has ensured that Ysgol Sant Baruc has successfully passed the £2,000 target!

Headteacher, Mrs Rhian Andrew, said that she was very proud of the pupils' efforts and extremely grateful for the support of all the parents.

## *Ysgol Sant Baruc yn cyrraedd y nod*

***MAE Pwyllgor Apel yr Eisteddfod Genedlaethol yn ddiolchgar iawn i holl ddisgyblion Ysgol Gymraeg Sant Baruc, Y Barri.***

*Dewiswyd yr Eisteddfod yn elusen i'w chefnogi gan yr ysgol eleni. Gosodwyd targed uchelgeisiol o ddwy fil o bunnoedd (£2,000) gan y staff a'r plant.*

*Disgyblion y Cyngor Ysgol bu'n cynnig syniadau i godi'r swm enfawr yn ystod y flwyddyn.*

*Felly, trwy gynnal dyddiau gwisg anffurfiol, yn dilyn gwahanol themau bob mis, a chyfraniad hael o elw'r cyngherddau Nadolig mae Ysgol Sant Baruc wedi llwyddo i gyrraedd y darged ac wedi mynd heibio'r £2,000!*

*Dwedodd Mrs Rhian Andrew, y Pennaeth, ei bod yn falch iawn o'r disgyblion ac yn ddiolchgar iawn am gefnogaeth yr holl rieni.*

# Church group's strawberry tea

***CHURCHES Together in Cowbridge and District held a strawberry tea in the hall at the UFC recently.***

*The proceeds, a total of £100, were donated to the Noah's Ark Appeal, which benefits the Children's Hospital in Cardiff.*

*On behalf of Churches Together in Cowbridge, Rosemary Samuel said: "Many thanks to all who attended, and to Strawberry Fields and Tesco, who supported the event.*

*"One of the organisers, who also cooked some delicious scones, was Val Charles, who, together with her husband Alf, was recently honoured by Cowbridge Rotary Club for their 'significant contribution to the community'.*

*"Val has also been an indispensable member of the committee of Churches Together in Cowbridge for many years. We were all delighted to hear of her and Alf's award."*

# Barrivale Bridge

***LATEST results from Barrivale, June 26:***

*First, Denis Mottram and Kay Dyer 59.58 per cent; second, Mike Best and Mark Roderick 58.78; =third, Noelle Bond and Judith Owen, and Bryn Gough and Dave Reed 55.*

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## CONFIRMATION OF BYELAWS

### LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972, PUBLIC HEALTH ACT 1875 AND OPEN SPACES ACT 1906

### VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL

Notice is hereby given that the Vale of Glamorgan Council of Civic Offices, Holton Road, Barry, Vale of Glamorgan CF63 4RU intends after the expiry period mentioned below to apply to the Welsh Government for confirmation of byelaws made by the Council under section 235 of the Local Government Act 1972, section 164 of the Public Health Act 1875 and sections 12 and 15 of the Open Spaces Act 1906 in respect of land at Cwm Col-huw, Llantwit Major, Vale of Glamorgan.

Copies of the Byelaws will be kept at the offices of the Council at Civic Offices, Holton Road, Barry, Vale of Glamorgan CF63 4RU and will be open to inspection without payment on any weekday, not being a Bank Holiday, during the usual office hours for one calendar month from the date of publication of this notice. Copies of the Byelaws will also be supplied on receipt of an application accompanied by a fee of £1.00 for each copy.

Any objection to the application for the confirmation of the Byelaws may be made by letter addressed to Carol Webber, Byelaws, Democracy, Ethics and Partnership Division, Welsh Government, Cathays Park, Cardiff CF10 3NQ (no later than one week after the closing date for inspection) before the Byelaws are confirmed.

D. Marles, Head of Legal Services
Civic Offices, Holton Road
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Dated this 5th day of July 2012

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Gellir cyflwyno unrhyw wrthwynebiadau i'r cais hwn am gadarnhau'r Is-ddeddfau, cyn i hynny ddigwydd, drwy anfon llythyr at Carol Webber, Is-ddeddfau, Adran Democratiaeth, Moeseg a Phartneriaeth, Llywodraeth Cymru, Parc Cathays, Caerdydd CF10 3NQ (cyn pen wythnos ar ôl y dyddiad cau ar gyfer eu harchwilio).

D. Marles,
Pennaeth Gwasanaethau Cyfreithiol,
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Dyddiedig 5 Gorffennaf 2012

## APPLICATION DEADLINE: 5:00PM 11 July 2012

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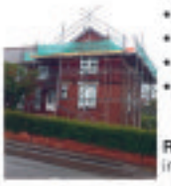

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- Gas central heating
- Double glazing
- Parking

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- Parking

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| Address | Bids | Band | Reg. |
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| Heritage Drive | 127 | Gold | 10/06/11 |
| Osprey Court | 41 | Gold | 02/03/12 |
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## Important information for existing and new council tenants

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Deductions will be made from Housing Benefit claim where a claimant is living in a property that is classed as too large for them. There will be a 14% deduction for one extra bedroom and a 25% deduction for two or more bedrooms.

To calculate room needs for a client, **one bedroom** is allowed for each of the following:

- every adult couple;
- any other adult aged over 16;
- any two children of the same sex up to age 16;
- any two children regardless of sex aged under 10; or
- any other child.

Foster children are not included in the calculation.

Examples

**A single person (of working age) living in a two-bedroom property**

The assessment of room need would be **one bedroom**, so a 14% deduction from their Housing Benefit would apply.

**A couple (of working age) living in a three-bedroom property**

The assessment of room need would be **one bedroom**, so a 25% deduction from their Housing Benefit would apply

**A single parent or couple with a son aged 8 and a daughter aged 6, living in a three-bedroom property**

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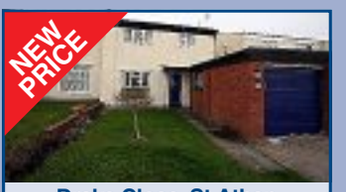


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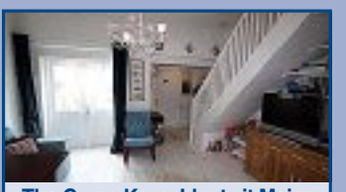

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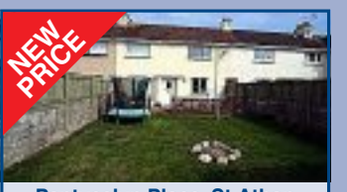


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The duo are Matthew Edwards (Barry Comprehensive) and Ellie Atkinson (Llantwit Major).

For year-10 Ellie, her progress since December 2011 has been almost an unbelievable fairly tale, one which included winning the Cardiff and the Vale Schools under-17 title in early February, finishing second in the Aviva Welsh Schools National under-17 race at the end of February before finishing as the first finisher for the national schools team at two internationals – over the country at the Aviva SIAB Schools' international in Scotland in March and on the road at the Virgin Money Giving Mini London Marathon.

That progress was recognised with the award of a new trophy – the Andrew Ireland Memorial Cup for the outstanding girl.

For older readers, the family name 'Ireland' will bring back fond memories. Andrew, and his parents – Frank and Sally – made a huge impact on athletics in Barry and Barry and Vale Harriers, the old South Glamorgan county, South Glamorgan and Cardiff and the Vale Schools, the Welsh AAA, the Welsh Cross-Country Association, the Athletics Association of Wales, and Welsh Schools.

Andrew gained Welsh Schools international honours while still a pupil at Barry Boys' School in the 1970s. Sadly, injury prevented him reaching his full potential as a senior athlete but, having studied at Caerleon College of Education, he qualified as a teacher and gained a post at Llanilltud Fawr Comprehensive in Llantwit Major.

His contribution to the life of the school – academic and in the extra-curricular athletics programme – was held in high regard and he was promoted to the post of Head of Lower School before leaving to pursue a new career in the Baptist ministry. Sadly, having suffered the death of both of his parents in recent years, Andrew was diagnosed with cancer in November 2010 and died in July 2011, in his fifties.

It was intended to purchase the trophy to mark his death so, at the 2012 Presentation Evening, the Cup was awarded twice – the first time to 2011 recipient, Kate Seary (Whitchurch), with Ellie's name recorded on the engraving as the second holder, much to the delight of her PE teachers, Mrs Alison Rees and Miss Daniella Woolf, who were present to see her collect the award. Hopefully, this may not be the only occasion that Ellie claims the award.

The equivalent trophy for boys – the Birchgrove Cup for the outstanding boy – was shared this year, by Matthew and his training partner, Mike Ward (Llanishen). The two year-12 students made very different impacts over the season. Matthew was on top in the domestic programme, claiming the Cardiff and the Vale Schools' league points title and the senior championships while he also won the schools' senior boys title at the McCain Cardiff Cross Challenge in January, a feat only ever achieved by one Vale-based pupil – Nick Comerford, on the Fairwater Park course in 1984.

Matthew also finished third in the senior boys' race at the Aviva Welsh Schools National championships at Brecon, but was forced to withdraw from the schools' team at the Home Countries International in Glasgow. He was not back to his best when he represented Welsh Schools in the under-17 section at the Virgin Money Giving Mini London Marathon. That gave Mike his opportunity and he earned his share of the award following excellent results at Glasgow and in the Mini Marathon.

Last year, both Cowbridge and Stanwell enjoyed unexpected success in the winter season claiming a host of team trophies but there was no repeat this time.

In the league, three individuals – St Nicholas resident Victoria Shaw (Howell's, year-7), Seren Allin (Cowbridge) and Matthew – claimed points titles, with Seren adding the u14 section to her success at year-7 in 2011, but only two Vale schools gained team awards. Cowbridge girls won the under-14 section with Barry boys taking third senior spot in their competition.

There was greater individual success in the Championships with Seren (under-15), Ellie (under-17) and Matthew (senior) taking titles and Elliot Richards (under-17, third), Victoria (year-7, second) and year-10 pupils Kate Coker (Stanwell) and Erin Hayes (Llantwit) filling second and third places in the under-17 competition.

However, only Barry and Cowbridge figured among the team awards, with the Cowbridge girls completing the only double of A and B awards in the same age group, in the years 8 and 9 championships.

The contribution by Vale pupils to the Cardiff and the Vale performance at the Aviva Welsh Schools Nationals at Brecon was significant. On a day on which the district did not match its 2011 performances, every one of the Vale secondary schools was represented in a 30 strong contingent out of a total team of 85, down on the 91 in the previous year. Both middle teams scored victories while both juniors plus the senior boys and year-7 girls finished in the top three, but there was disappointment with the year-7 boys only finishing fifth and the senior girls not starting a scoring team of six runners.

Three athletes – Ellie, Matthew and Seren Allin – were awarded plaques for representing Welsh Schools at international fixtures.

Plans have already been made for next winter's programme with the boys' starting at Trelai Park on Tuesday, September 18, and the first girls' fixture due to be held at Bryn Hafren on Tuesday, September 25.

**Awards made to Vale pupils:**

**League awards:** Years-7 Girls - Under 12; Pts Victoria Shaw (Howell's) 387; Team: 2 Howell's (1850) 67; Years 8 and 9 Girls - Under-14; Pts Seren Allin (Cowbridge) 411; Team: 1 Cowbridge 74; Years 10 to 14 Boys - Under-19; Pts Matthew Edwards (Barry) 244; Team: 3 Barry 55.

**Championship team and individual awards:**

**Boys' Championships held at Trelai Park on January 24:**

Years-10 to 14 Under-20 55 finishers; Under-17 third Elliot Richards (Stanwell); Under-20 first Matthew Edwards (Barry); Team: second – Barry 62; Scorers: first, Matthew Edwards; 10th Elliot Clissold; 22nd James Lofthouse; 29th Curtis Hayes.

**Girls' Championships held at Trelai Park on February 7:**

Year 7 – Under-13 77 finishers; Second Victoria Shaw (Howell's); Team: first – Howell's 41; Scorers: second Victoria Shaw; 13th Ellie Howes; 20th Harriet James'; Years 8 and 9 – Under-15 78 finishers; First Seren Allin (Cowbridge); Team: first – Cowbridge 33; Scorers: first Seren Allin; seventh Nadine James; 11th Rebecca Thomas; 14th Genevieve Kirk; B Team first – Cowbridge B 105; Scorers: 17th Ela Emyr; 25th Milly Green; 31st Cerys Bradshaw; 32nd Jemma Viney; Years 10 to 14 – Under-20 33 finishers; Under-17 first Ellie Atkinson (Llantwit); second Kate Coker (Stanwell); third Erin Hayes (Llantwit).

**Award of cross-country colours to athletes who competed at the Aviva Welsh Schools' National Championships at Brecon on February 25:** Senior Girls under-20 No team; 12th Fiona Bray (Cowbridge); Middle Girls Under-17 Team – first - 71; second Ellie Atkinson (Llantwit); 14th Jessica Jaques (Cowbridge); 17th Erin Hayes (Llantwit); 23rd Megan Osborne (Llantwit); 26th Kate Coker (Stanwell); 54th Miriam Bennett (Cowbridge); Junior Girls under-15 Team – second 90; sixth Seren Allin (Cowbridge); 29th Nadine James (Cowbridge); 52nd Rebecca Thomas (Cowbridge); 54th Annabelle Birch-Hurst (Stanwell); 55th Ysobelle Williams (Westbourne); Year-7 Girls under-13 Team – third 128; 15th Victoria Shaw (Howell's); 62nd Lowri Morgan (Cowbridge); Senior Boys Under-20 Team – second 71; second Matthew Edwards (Barry); 23rd Elliot Clissold (Barry); 27th Rhys George (Bro Morgannwg); Middle Boys under-17 Team – first 79; 30th Dafydd George (Bro Morgannwg); 37th Ieuan Jones (Stanwell); 39th Ben Owen (Llantwit); 50th James Lofthouse (Barry); 51st Will Parker (Llantwit); dnf Tom Rawlings (Llantwit); Junior Boys Under-15 Team – second 90; 41st Alex Love (Cowbridge); 43rd John Wardle (Barry); 48th Aled George (Bro Morgannwg); Year-7 Boys Under-13 Team – fifth 161; 38th Ben Paris (Bishop of Llandaff); 44th Samuelle Williams (Westbourne); 68th Joseph Hewings (Barry).

**Athletes who gained international selection: For Welsh Schools at the Aviva SIAB Schools' International at Strathallan, Perth, Scotland on March 31:**

Under-17 Girls Ellie Atkinson (Llantwit Major) sixth; Under-15 Girls Seren Allin (Cowbridge) 21st.

**For Welsh Schools at the Virgin Money Giving Mini London Marathon on April 22:**

Under-15 Girls Ellie Atkinson (Llantwit) eighth (17:39); Under-13 Girls Seren Allin (Cowbridge) 52nd (20:09); Under-17 Boys Matthew Edwards (Barry) 24th (15:17).

**Cardiff and Vale of Glamorgan Schools' Athletics Association; The 16th cross-Country presentation:**

Under-13 Girls, Seren Allin (Cowbridge) 52nd (20:09); Uncder-17 Boys Matthew Edwards (Barry) 24th (15:17).

**PETER MORRIS**

## THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL
### (A4231 BARRY DOCK LINK ROAD, BARRY) (30MPH SPEED RESTRICTION AND PROHIBITION OF RIGHT TURN (TEMPORARY) ORDER 2012

On the 5th July 2012 the Vale of Glamorgan Council in exercise of its powers under Section 14(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 and of all other enabling powers made an Order the general effect of which is as described in the Schedules below.

The Order will come into operation on the 15th July 2012 or on the date that the necessary Traffic Signs are in place whichever is the later and a copy of the Order may be seen at the address shown below during normal office hours.

If you wish to question the validity of the Order or any provisions contained therein on the grounds that they are not within the powers conferred by the above Act or on the grounds that any requirement of the same or that any instrument made under it has not been complied with in relation to the Order, you may within six weeks from the 15th July 2012 apply to the High Court for this purpose.

### SCHEDULE 1

No person shall cause or permit a motor vehicle to travel at a speed greater than 30 mph in the location specified in Schedule 2 below.

### SCHEDULE 2

**Location** The area of the A4231 Barry Dock Link Road to be affected is between the roundabout with the A4055 Cardiff Road and the roundabout with Gilbert Lane (Supermarket).
In addition, the Order known as The Vale of Glamorgan Council (A4231 Docks Link Road, Barry) (50mph Speed Restriction) Order 2005 will be suspended whilst the 30mph signs are in place.

**Reason** To allow essential road safety improvements to be undertaken, together with associated works.

**Duration** From 06:00Hrs on 15th July 2012, for a maximum period of 18 months, or until such time as the 30mph Traffic Signs are removed, whichever is the sooner.

### SCHEDULE 3

2. No person shall cause or permit a vehicle to turn right at the locations specified in Schedule 4.

### SCHEDULE 4

**Location** The right turn from the A4231 Barry Docks Link Road into Coldbrook Road, Barry.

**Alternative Route** In a southeasterly direction to the roundabout at the A4055 Cardiff Road, then "U" turning at this roundabout, back along the A4231 Barry Docks Link Road then turning left into Coldbrook Road.

**Location** The right turn from Argae Lane onto the A4231 Barry Docks Link Road.

**Alternative Route** In a southeasterly direction to the roundabout at the A4055 Cardiff Road, then "U" turning at this roundabout, back along the A4231 Barry Docks Link Road.

**Location** The right turn from A4231 Barry Docks Link Road into Argae Lane

**Alternative Route** In a northwesterly direction to the roundabout at Gilbert Lane (Supermarket) then "U" turning at this roundabout and travelling back along the A4231 Barry Docks Link Road and turning left into Argae Lane.

**Location** No Right Turn from Coldbrook Road onto the A4231 Barry Docks Link Road

**Alternative Route** In a northwesterly direction to the roundabout at Gilbert Lane (Supermarket) then "U" turning at this junction and travelling back along the A4231 Barry Docks Link Road.

**Reason** To allow essential road safety improvements to be undertaken, together with associated works.

**Duration** From 06:00Hrs on 15th July 2012, for a maximum period of 18 months, or until such time as the No Right Turn Traffic Signs are removed, whichever is the sooner.

Dated this 5th day of July 2012.
Mr. M. Punter
Director of Visible Services and Housing,
Vale of Glamorgan Council,
The Alps, Wenvoe. CF5 6AA

## CYNGOR BRO MORGANNWG
### GORCHYMYN (DROS DRO) (CYFYNGU CYFLYMDRA I 30M.Y.A. A GWAHARDD TROI I'R DDE) (FFORDD GYSWLLT DOCIAU'R BARRI (A4231), Y BARRI) CYNGOR BRO MORGANNWG 2012

Ar 5 Gorffennaf 2012, gwnaeth Cyngor Bro Morgannwg, gan arfer ei bwerau o dan Adran 14(1) Deddf Rheoli Traffig 1984, a phob pwer galluogi arall, Orchymyn i'r diben cyffredinol a ddisgrifir yn yr Atodlenni isod.

Daw'r Gorchymyn i rym ar 15 Gorffennaf 2012 neu ar y dyddiad y bydd yr holl Arwyddion Traffig yn eu lle, pa un bynnag a fo'r dyddiad diweddaraf. Bydd copi o'r Gorchymyn i'w weld yn y cyfeiriad isod yn ystod oriau swyddfa arferol.

Os hoffech ddadlau'n erbyn dilysrwydd y Gorchymyn, neu'i ddarpariaethau am na chredwch fod gan y ddeddf uchod b?er i'w gweithredu, neu am y tybiwch eu bod yn methu â chydymffurfio â gofynion y ddeddf uchod, neu un o'i hofferynnau, bydd gennych chwe wythnos o 15 Gorffennaf 2012 i wneud cais i'r Uchel Lys i'r diben hwnnw.

### ATODLEN 1

Ni fydd neb yn gyrru nac yn achosi nac yn caniatáu i neb arall yrru unrhyw gerbyd yn gyflymach na 30 m.y.a. yn y mannau a bennwyd yn Atodlen 2 isod.

### ATODLEN 2

**Lleoliad** Y rhan o Ffordd Gyswllt Dociau'r Barri (A4231) sydd dan sylw yw'r darn rhwng y gylchfan sy'n cysylltu â Cardiff Road (A4055) a'r gylchfan sy'n cysylltu â Gilbert Lane (Archfarchnad)

Hefyd, bydd y **Gorchymyn a adwaenir fel Gorchymyn (Cyfyngu Cyflymdra i 50m.y.a.) (Ffordd Gyswllt Dociau'r Barri (A4231)) Cyngor Bro Morgannwg 2005** yn cael ei ohirio nes bod yr arwyddion 30m.y.a. wedi'u gosod.

**Rheswm** Gwneud gwaith angenrheidiol ar gyfer diogelu'r ffordd ac unrhyw waith arall sy'n gysylltiedig â hynny.

**Cyfnod** O 06:00 ar 15 Gorffennaf 2012 ymlaen am hyd at 18 mis, neu ar ôl i'r arwyddion traffig 30m.y.a. gael eu symud, pa un bynnag a fo'r dyddiad diweddaraf.

### ATODLEN 3

2. Ni fydd neb yn troi i'r dde yn y mannau a bennwyd yn Atodiad 4 nac yn achosi nac yn caniatáu i unrhyw un arall wneud hynny.

### ATODLEN 4

**Lleoliad** Y troad i'r dde sy'n arwain o Ffordd Gyswllt Dociau'r Barri (A4231) i Coldbrook Road, Y Barri.

**Llwybr arall** Mynd i gyfeiriad y de-ddwyrain nes cyrraedd y gylchfan sy'n cysylltu â Cardiff Road (A4055), gwneud 'tro pedol' o gwmpas y gylchfan honno, mynd yn ôl ar hyd Ffordd Gyswllt Dociau'r Barri, a throi i'r chwith i Coldbrook Road.

**Lleoliad** Y troad i'r dde sy'n arwain o Argae Lane i Ffordd Gyswllt Dociau'r Barri (A4231).

**Llwybr arall** Mynd i gyfeiriad y de-ddwyrain nes cyrraedd y gylchfan sy'n cysylltu â Cardiff Road (A4055), gwneud 'tro pedol' o gwmpas y gylchfan honno a mynd yn ôl ar hyd Ffordd Gyswllt Dociau'r Barri (A4231).

**Lleoliad** Y troad i'r dde sy'n arwain o Ffordd Gyswllt Dociau'r Barri (A4231) i Argae Lane.

**Llwybr arall** Mynd i gyfeiriad y gogledd-orllewin nes cyrraedd y gylchfan sy'n cysylltu â Gilbert Lane (Archfarchnad), gwneud 'tro pedol' o gwmpas y gylchfan honno, mynd yn ôl ar hyd Ffordd Gyswllt Dociau'r Barri (A4231) a throi i'r chwith i Argae Lane.

**Lleoliad** Y troad i'r dde sy'n arwain o Coldbrook Road i Ffordd Gyswllt Dociau'r Barri (A4231).

**Llwybr arall** Mynd i gyfeiriad y gogledd-orllewin nes cyrraedd y gylchfan sy'n cysylltu â Gilbert Lane (Archfarchnad), gwneud 'tro pedol' wrth y gyffordd honno a mynd yn ôl ar hyd Ffordd Gyswllt Dociau'r Barri.

**Rheswm** Gwneud gwaith angenrheidiol ar gyfer diogelu'r ffordd ac unrhyw waith arall sy'n gysylltiedig â hynny.

**Cyfnod** O 06:00 ar 15 Gorffennaf 2012 ymlaen am hyd at 18 mis, neu ar ôl i'r arwyddion traffig 30m.y.a. gael eu symud, pa un bynnag a fo'r dyddiad diweddaraf.

Dyddiedig 5 Gorffennaf 2012.

M. Punter,
Cyfarwyddwr Gwasanaethau Gweladwy a Thai,
Cyngor Bro Morgannwg,
Canolfan yr Alpau, Gwenfô. CF5 6AA.

## From Brynna to Penarth...

# TAOW in two places at once!

*At the Brynna Carnival.*

**SATURDAY, June 23, witnessed Tae Kwon Do Academy of Wales being in two places at once.**

The Celtic Cup was being held at Penarth Leisure Centre, while TAOW took a small team up from Brynna and Pyle due to their commitment at the Brynna Carnival.

They did extremely well, with Gareth Roberts once again proving he is a force to be recognised.

Gareth came away with another gold medal in sparring, as did his cousin Kian Elward.

His son, James Roberts, following in his dad's footsteps came away with silver for sparring.

Hollie Roberts, Jason Russell and Ellie Russell won bronze in sparring and Ellie also won a bronze for her patterns.

Well done to Arran Watt, Ross Davies and Connor John for taking part.

Arran then had to be rushed back to Brynna to participate in the demonstration. They started off doing some sparring, followed by patterns in different teams, showing some very good displays using all ages and grades.

We had some self defence by Jordan Sage, Sam Boyd, Callum Eades, Arran Watt, Dewi Casley and Elliot Rees, India Howells showed off a fantastic routine using the bo staff, with Talisa Eades and Caitlin Morgan (aged 7) spinning the staff at the front.

The demonstration finished with some board breaking by the Black Belts, Finn Murphy and Daniel Morris.

It was a great day and the weather stayed kind to us.

TAOW will be performing another demonstration at the Pencoed Carnival on Sunday, July 8.

*For further information please contact Leanne Casley on 07921312897; due to classes growing we have now extended the senior classes to Tuesday and Friday, 7pm 8.30pm.* **IP**

# CORNELLY UNITED ARE GOING UP!

**CORNELLY United FC are proud to announce that they have just beenpromoted to the South Wales Senior League.**

**We have been formed for five years are a very ambitious club who have had heavy investment put into our facilities over the past few years and now are proud to have use of one the best grounds and facilities to offer in the south Wales area.**

**We have high hopes for the forthcoming season and have already put into place an outstanding management team consisting of Gareth Williams (manager) Damian Lacey (ex-Swansea City professional player), Shaz Khaliq, Carl Owen and Lee Adams.**

**Training is on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 6pm at Meadow Street and we are looking for players interested in a new challenge playing at a higher level and being involved with training sessions that are both organised and challenging.**

***We also have a reserve team playing in the Port Talbot and District Football League. We feel we have a lot to offer as a club, if you are interested in getting involved then please contact manager Gareth Williams on 07754662563 for further information.*** **JJ**

# Plenty of fun at charity event

*All pull together for the Breast Cancer Care Strawberry Tea tournament in Cowbridge.*

**A MINI tag rugby tournament was held in Cowbridge on Saturday, June 23, as part of the Breast Cancer Care Strawberry Tea.**

The weather held for the early events, but the heavens opened as the tournament commenced, demanding the six teams play their matches in torrential rain. The tournament was attended by two teams from Cowbridge Rugby Club (under-13 and under-14 teams), a team representing Llysworney and a collection of more 'experienced' players, from the generation above the youth teams.

In the senior competition, after a tough fought battle of ill-used muscle versus forgotten skill, the Monday five-a-side football squad managed to secure a win while keeping their hamstrings intact; other veteran players were not so fortunate (sorry, Andy)!

The youth competition was a close call, but victory fell to the under-14 team led by Joe Davies. All the teams played with passion, and a soggy smile!

However, credit must be given to the youngest and only female player, Robyn Martin who gave a shining performance throughout.

The tug-of-war contest saw the youths convincingly beat the senior teams, despite their much lighter body weight!

Finally, the golf/rugby contest saw much hilarity but Sean Davies squeaked a win to take home a book personally signed by Eddie Butler.

Heartfelt thanks to all who played and stood in the pouring rain to support the event.

Their kindness and generosity ensured a lot of fun for all involved and raised nearly £200 for a worthy cause. **LE**

# *Tom's slalom success*

**BRIDGEND Canoe Club hosted a two-day river slalom competition recently.**

**Despite the wet weather, participants came from England, west Wales and Cardiff-based clubs to take part.**

**The incessant rainfall created an ever rising river level, but the canoeists paddled hard down the course, battling swinging slalom posts and rushing water to gain the fastest times possible.**

**Tom Edwards, aged 13 from Llandow, competed and won his division, completing the course in 1 minute 25 seconds, beating his nearest rival by 9 seconds.**

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# Members and guests day at the RAF St Athan Golf Club

*Past and present captains enjoy the banter!*

**CLUB captain, Steve Hopkins and the members of RAF St Athan Golf Club were delighted to welcome many new and old friends when they hosted their annual members and guests day.**

The day began early and remained relatively dry for the majority of the players; however, the waterproofs were needed for those that started their game later on in the afternoon.

The greenkeeping staff, Dave Cooper and Tony Horne along with Chairman of Greens Hugh Williams, must once again be congratulated for the superb condition of the course. Many guests playing at RAF St Athan for the first time were surprised just how formidable the course was – club selection being paramount for the narrow tree-lined fairways.

Nearly 100 golfers competed in the four-ball-better-ball competition with Joe Higgins and his guest Josh Tarrant taking home the winners prizes with a magnificent 47 points, Joe carding a two on the par-four 11th hole boosted the points considerably.

*ABOVE: Josh Tarrant and Joe Higgins.*

*Shaun Wilson strikes a pose.*

Now living in Saudi, Trev Graham returned to the club to partner JWG Morgan, and their 44 points total was enough to snatch second place away from Danny Coyle and Chris Davies, who scored a very respectable 43 points.

Members and guests day is always a fun time – old and new faces coming together to challenge each other, with liquid refreshment and light-hearted banter about dodgy handicaps, receding hairlines and growing waistlines being the order of the day.

This year proved no exception with the club captain holding together the after match formalities with decorum and composure – well done, Steve!

Thanks must also be given to Pauline Lewis who had the daunting task of deciphering the cards, Leanne and her team for the excellent cuisine provided throughout the day, and Pete Lewis for providing the entertainment for the evening.

**RESULTS:** First, J Higgins/J Tarrant; second JWG Morgan/T Graham; third, D Coyle/C Davies.

Longest Drive: J Tarrant.

Nearest the pins: M Hurry and J Higgins.

Twos: J Higgins, A Pentith, E Allison, G Bohun, S Thomas, M Edwards, S Wilson.

*Anyone interested in becoming a social or playing member at RAF St Athan Golf Club, should contact the club manager on 01446 751043.*

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# Antiques evening gives National Eisteddfod fundraising a boost

*Philip and Christine Havard with Cefyn Burgess.*

Pictures by **MIKE WILCOCK**

*Dylan Jones (chair of the Eisteddfod executive committee), Cath Thomas (Cowbridge and Welsh St Donat's fundraising committee) and John Wyn Owen (chair of the finance committee).*

**THE Eisteddfod fundraising committee for Cowbridge and Welsh St Donat's held an antiques quiz, with a curry, at the Bear Hotel last week.**

A spokeswoman told The GEM that the event had helped the committee hit their fundraising target.

A number of committees throughout the Vale have each taken on the challenge of raising funds to support the arrival of the National Eisteddfod, which comes to Llandow in August.

The quiz was organised by Havard and Havard, who supplied 12 antique items. As it was an Eisteddfod evening, the items all had Welsh connections.

The audience was asked three questions:

1/ *What is it?*

2/ *How old is it?*

3/ *How much is it worth?*

Philip Havard was master of ceremonies and gave a short history of each piece, passing on some specialist knowledge at the same time.

The most expensive item was a yew wood-topped cricket table, valued at £7,000. The nearest guess from the floor was £5,000.

There was a prize for the best-performing team.

Also, the textile designer Cefyn Burgess donated a carthan (a Welsh rug), and this was auctioned and raised £200.

Christine Havard said: "It was an enjoyable evening and more than £1,000 was raised for the Eisteddfod."

The evening was sponsored by Glamorgan Law LLP.

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# GEM sport

## COWBRIDGE COMPREHENSIVE SPORTS REPORT

# Athletics teams impress in Cup

**THE year-7 and 8, and year-9 and 10, athletics teams competed at the preliminary knock out Cup competition recently – the year-7 and 8 team coming second behind Plasmawr, and the year-9 and 10 team winning their section.**

They both went on to compete in the knockout Cup final.

The year-7 and 8 team came sixth overall, and there were some excellent performances in a tough final. Results included:

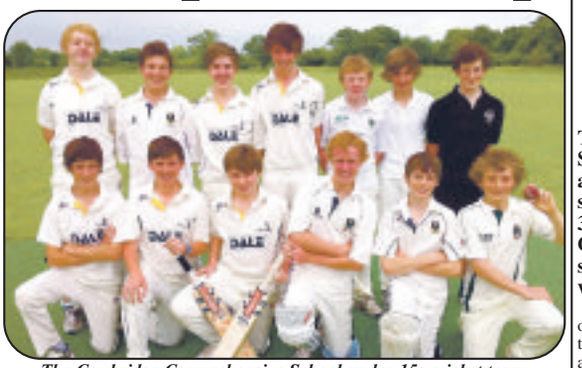
**100m A:** *Jemma Viney*, eighth, 15.03.
**100m B:** *Maya Bell*, second, 14.52.
**200m A:** *Bethan Swallow*, fifth, 30.20.
**200m B:** Sophie Oddy, eighth, 33.7.
**800m A:** *Seren Allin*, first, 2.28.
**800m B:***Cerys Bradshaw*, first, 2.46.
**1,500m A:** *Genevieve Kirk*, fourth, 5.44.
**1,500m B:** *Megan Roberts*, sixth, 6.27.
**70m Hurdles A:** *Niamh Galton*, fifth, 12.66.
**70m Hurdles B:** *Molly Price*, fifth, 14.3.
**High Jump A:** *Niamh Galton*, second, 1.35.
**High Jump B:** *Sashini Jayasinghe*, second, 1.20.
**Long Jump A:** *Maya Bell*, seventh, 3m58.
**Long Jump B:** *Jemma Viney*, seventh, 3m16.
**Shot A:** *Ffion Vickers*, eighth, 6m49.
**Shot B:** *Sophie Oddy*, eighth, 3m87.
**Discus A:** *Bethan Swallow*, fourth, 16m28.
**Discus B:** *Genevieve Kirk*, sixth, 13.03.
**Javelin A:** *Mali Poulden*, eighth, 11m86.
**Javelin B:** *Sanant Emyr*, seventh, 4m60.

The year-9 and 10 team came third overall. Results included:

**100mA:** *Ellie Eddy Williams*, seventh, 14.61.
**100m B:** *Sally Gambling*, sixth, 15.17.
**200m A:** *Izzy Eddy Williams*, fifth, 29.20.
**200m B:** *Brooke Langton Cryer*, second, 29.13.
**800m A:** *Rebecca Thomas*, third, 2.50.
**800m B:** *Alice Tudor*, second, 2.54.
**1,500m A:** *Nadine James*, sixth, 5.46.
**1,500m B:** *Evie Williams*, fifth, 6.33.
**High Jump A:** *Annabel Curle*, first, 1m60 (school record).
**High Jump B:** *Lili Evans*, third, 1m25.
**Long jump A:** *Jo Wilkins*, sixth, 4m02.
**Long Jump B:** *Sarah Lewis*, second, 3m83.
**75m Hurdles A:** *Annabel Curle*, first, 12.29 (school record).
**75m Hurdles B:** *Lili Evans*, first, 13.49.
**Discus A:** *Lydia Hitchings*, fifth, 16m04.
**Discus B:** *Megan McNamee*, sixth, 14.03.
**Shot A:** *Brooke Langton Cryer*, third, 7m36.
**Shot B:** *Paige Williams*, third, 6m91.
**Javelin A:** *Izzy Eddy Williams*, eighth, 14.30.
**Javelin B:** *Emma Young*, fifth, 13m58.

A great performance by all the team members. Well done!

**LJ**



*The Cowbridge Comprehensive School under-15s cricket team.*

## Cricket

**COWBRIDGE Comprehensive School under-15s played their second match of the season against a strong Cathedral School side.**

Cowbridge lost the toss and were made to bowl.

Things started extremely well when Rian Thomas took Cathedral's number one batsman for a duck. They got progressively better when Thomas also took the other opener for four.

Adam Jones then took his first wicket of the season when he had Cathedral's number three out for nought.

Cathedral number four and five could only put on 11 runs each before Cai Evans claimed another victim and Matthew Keating bowled their number five.

Matthew then went on to bowl two more players out and have a third caught. Rhys Bradshaw (a year-7 playing two years' up) displayed some sharp fielding to run a Cathedral player out before Cai Evans finished off their innings, getting their number 11 out first ball.

Cathedral managed to make 44 runs in total.

Jonathan Harvey and Mathew Harper opened for Cowbridge, but sadly Jonathan was run out for three and Matthew was bowled a ball later for nought.

Oliver Pike managed to make a very quick 11 runs before falling again to another LBW.

Things were looking bleak for Cowbridge and were made worse when Rian Thomas was caught behind for three and Cai Evans was bowled for one.

Then, Adam Jones and Luca Bianchi were both bowled for no runs.

In the end, it was down to Mathew Keating and Rhys Bradshaw to see Cowbridge through to the end, although they were greatly helped by extras from Cathedral.

Matthew finished on eight not out, and Rhys on two not out.

The next league game is against Glantaf at home.

**NT**

# Groundsman stars as game is hit by rain

**THE bare facts of Saturday's game are that Cowbridge scored 153 all out in 38 overs and Gorseinon in reply scored 107 for 6 wickets in 31 overs.**

Owing to the wet state of parts of the outfield the umpires asked for another wicket to be prepared so that the game could start.

Tim Williams got to work, and with the willing help of Andy Brace and others, the match eventually began an hour or so late.

Proceedings got underway at 2.45pm with the visiting skipper winning the toss and putting the home side in to bat on this freshly cut, and definitely unpredictable, wicket.

Overs had been reduced to 40 per side and Cowbridge First XI did well to reach 153 all out in 38 overs on a track that the batsmen found predictably very difficult.

The basis of the innings was a partnership of 73 runs between Faris Rosmanizam (22) and Amin Ramly (42). When they were back in the pavilion Adam Wood (30) did his best to push the score along, but no other batsman could stay with him for any length of time.

Chris Morgan did the damage with figures of 7 for 37 in 11 overs, being practically unplayable on this newly prepared wicket.

When Gorseinon batted they were soon in trouble at 17 for 3 after 9 overs. A useful partnership developed between Chris Morgan and Gavin Donald that took them to 55 for 4 after 19 overs when the rain returned.

A break in proceedings was inevitable as a very heavy shower sent the players running to the pavilion or to the covers for the wicket.

Consequently, the visitors were left with twelve overs to reach 154 runs for victory. An impossible task in the circumstances and the home side just could not bowl them out, so the action meandered to an indefinite and unsatisfactory conclusion for both sides.

Despite the appalling weather it was a good day for Chris Morgan 7-37 and 48 runs for Gorseinon and Amin Ramly 2-10 and 42 runs for Cowbridge.

It was a very frustrating and unsatisfactory day for nearly all concerned, and as with most weekends this season so far the weather was the winner.

The award for man of the match must be given to the groundsman, Tim Williams.

All week and all Saturday morning Tim battled against the elements to get the ground fit for play. Moments before play was scheduled to start, the umpires asked him to prepare a new wicket, which he bore with good grace and just got on with it.

Their request he dealt with quickly, without fuss, so that a game was possible. It's unfortunate that the weather intervened despite all his efforts, but a game of sorts did take place, so many thanks to Tim for his untiring work.

This Saturday the First XI travels to Llanelli, the Second XI is at home; your support, weather permitting, is most welcome.

**DL**

# Evan's double success

**LLANCARFAN'S Evan Williams saddled two of the four runners in the Limerick Racecourse Novices Chase at Newton Abbot last week and they finished first and second.**

In an exciting finish, seven-year-old Tiger Toole, who went off the 6-4 favourite, and who was ridden by stable jockey Paul Moloney, got home by a neck from six-year-old Sublime Talent, who was bidding for a three-timer and who was ridden by Adam Wedge.

### TIM'S CHESTER WINNER

**Aberthin's Tim Vaughan is better known for his National Hunt winners rather than his Flat race winners.**

But on Sunday at Chester, he won the Cruise Nightspot Handicap over one mile three furlongs with four-year-old Solaras Exhibition who was ridden by three time champion jockey Ryan Moore.

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